



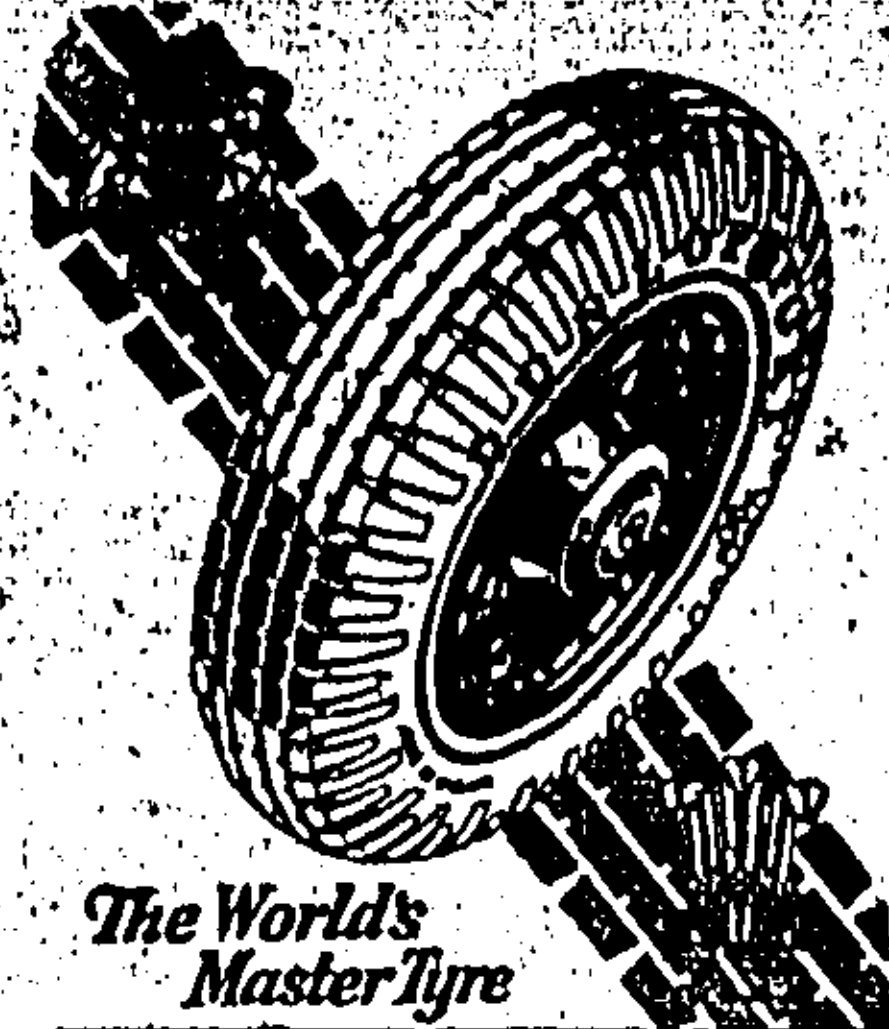
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REBELS CLAIM GOVERNMENT DRIVE BROKEN

Madrid Troops Suffer Enormous Losses

BILBAO'S DEFENDERS NEAR END OF RESISTANCE

Salamanca, Apr. 13.

An Insurgent Army official communique to-day states that the Government forces have suffered disastrous losses on the Madrid front, the International Brigades, most reliable units of the defending army, having been badly smashed in recent fighting. The Government has been waging a furious offensive and yesterday claimed that 10,000 rebels in the University City had surrendered.

The Insurgent communique relates that the Government forces attacked strongly after a heavy artillery bombardment, and were supported by Russian tanks. However, the Insurgents' accurate machine-gun fire eventually forced them to retreat in disorder, and six tanks were captured. Two tanks were destroyed by anti-tank guns.

The fleeing Loyalists were machine-gunned, inexplicably, by Government planes, as well as rebel fliers.

A shortage of food is believed to be bringing about the collapse of Basque resistance before Bilbao.

Rumours of negotiations for the surrender of Bilbao, though denied in that port, have been current for some time. It is considered significant that the Insurgents have ceased their hammer-blows on the war-torn Basque line.—*Reuter Bulletin Service.*

MINEFIELD MENACE

London, Apr. 13.—Following an intimation by General Franco, the Board of Trade announced to-day that insurgent warships were mining intensively the area between Sagunto and Cape Falco, in the Mediterranean, and between Cape Vido and Cape Malhachao in the Bay of Biscay.—*Reuter.*

CORRESPONDENT DETAINED

London, Apr. 13.—The Foreign Secretary was questioned in the House of Commons to-day about the detention in Malaga by the Spanish Insurgents of Mr. Arthur Koessler, representative there of a London newspaper.

Mr. Eden explained that Mr. Koessler was not a British subject, but as he was a correspondent of an English newspaper the Insurgent authorities had been informed unofficially that His Majesty's Government was concerned for his welfare and would be glad of information concerning his position.

In another answer Mr. Eden stated the Foreign Office was in communication with both the Spanish Government and Insurgent authorities in respect of British subjects serving on either side in the Civil War and taken prisoner.—*British Wireless.*

DUTCHMEN WIN BIG CONTRACT

Canton's \$3,000,000
Harbour Project Tenders

British and Chinese
Firms Disappointed

Canton, April 13.—Two big contracts in connection with the Whampoa Port Development scheme have been secured by the Netherlands Harbour Works, a Dutch concern, with head office in Amsterdam.

The contracts, which total three million dollars, are for the dredging of the river and the building of wharves. They were called for on March 22, and, after consideration, the tenders submitted by the Netherlands Harbour Works were finally accepted, being signed by the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Teng Yang-foo, who

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PIRATES FIRE ON H.K. CRAFT

Crew Locked-Up As
Launch Looted

Stopped by shots across its bow, a Hongkong steam launch was seized by pirates in the vicinity of Hole Island yesterday afternoon.

The launch was owned by Lam Hung-wah, who told a dramatic story of the coup when he returned to harbour in the early hours of this morning.

The pirates were in a Hoklo Junk, near which the unsuspecting launch was passing when it was commanded to halt.

When the master of the launch refused to obey the shouted instructions several shots were fired at his vessel, some of them hitting the woodwork.

Five pirates, all armed with modern revolvers, then boarded the vessel. The coxswain and his crew were forced into the hold, where they were locked in.

Half an hour later the pirates decamped, after completely ransacking the ship and damaging the engine.

When the crew succeeded in forcing their way out of the hold the pirate junk was out of sight.

The junk carried no distinguishing marks, and efforts to trace it at this late stage are considered fairly hopeless.

BIG VOTE FOR EMBASSY AT NANKING APPROVED

London, April 13.—The question of the cost of the new British Embassy in Nanking was raised in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. S. P. Viant, Labour M.P. for West Willesden, on the vote for public buildings overseas.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, of the Office of Works, replying, said money was being asked, apart from the actual buildings, for the complete purchase of a site, the total cost of which, including roads, would be about £15,000.

With regard to Mr. Viant's query whether it was necessary to have the Embassy in Nanking, Mr. Hudson thought it was the general opinion in the House of Commons and among the commercial community in China

UNDISTURBED BY BULLETS' WHINE



These mercenaries from Morocco are the coolest, and possibly the bravest, of the troops under the Insurgent banner in Spain. Here, while their gunners on the left engage an enemy only a few yards away, and the officer in the foreground watches the effect of their fire with his glasses, other members of the little advance party relax: one to ponder, one to sleep and one to roll a cigarette. If their comrades are hit they will man that stuttering gun behind the cactus.

KOWLOON BARRACKS TRAGEDY

Sergeant Found With
Throat Slashed
Worried Over His
Daughter

Tragedy occurred at Whitfield Barracks in Kowloon yesterday. Sergeant W. P. Brown, of the Corps Military Police, is lying in the Public Mortuary.

He was found dead in his room at the barracks early yesterday morning, with a deep gash across his throat, almost from ear to ear.

Near the body, which was found by fellow-soldiers, was a blood-stained razor. There is every indication that the man took his own life.

Sergeant Brown had lately been very depressed and in a poor state of health, owing partly to the climate and partly to a recurrence of old war wounds. He was also worried by the fact that his daughter was recently invalided home.

Sergeant Brown, who lived at 32 Hankow Road, had been in Hongkong for 18 months and was very popular with those who knew him.

It is thought that an inquest will be unnecessary. The widow and three children are leaving for home by the troopship Dorsetshire on Friday.

YOUNG JAPANESE LOSES MEMORY

A Japanese, aged about 20, is lying in the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from complete loss of memory.

Efforts by police and Japanese consular officials to establish his identity, so far, have been unavailing.

He was walking down Chater Road yesterday afternoon when he suddenly collapsed outside Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s premises.

It is believed that he is a seaman from a Japanese vessel, but a check-up of the crews of ships in port yesterday has so far failed to bring to light any clue.

CLYDE STRIKE SETTLEMENT SEEMS NEARER

West Scotland Yards Threaten Tie-Up

London, Apr. 13.

A more hopeful atmosphere prevails on the Clydeside, where there are now 12,000 apprentices striking, following intervention by the Industrial Relations Department of the Ministry of Labour.

At the request of apprentices' representatives, Government officials are considering the situation in all its aspects, and they will place a proposal, the nature of which has not yet been revealed, before the shipbuilding employers and the Engineering Employees' Federation.

The main bone of contention now is not an increase of wages, but the refusal of the employers to recognise the right of the Unions to negotiate on behalf of the apprentices.

Unless the employers agree to a conference with the Unions by Wednesday, there will be a one-day strike in the West Scotland yards on Friday, involving 100,000 workers.—*Reuter Bulletin Service.*

R.A.F. Pilot Killed After Border Flight

British Army Scouts
Heavily Fired On

New Delhi, Apr. 13.—A Royal Air Force officer and his passenger, who had been flying in connection with the frontier operations against hostile tribesmen, were killed in a crash at Miranshah Aerodrome to-day. They were Pilot Officer J. B. Pascoe-Webb and Mr. R. W. Gibb.

Considerable bodies of hostile tribesmen fired heavily on British Army scouts near the post of Esplawm on the Waziristan frontier Sunday and Monday. It was learned here to-day.

A civilian lorry, bound for Razmak, was attacked near Rhinealad, but the attackers were repulsed. Some peaceful tribesmen returning to Razmak were also fired upon by a Torikhel gang in the same neighbourhood, but successfully resisted the assault.—*Reuter.*

Van Zeeland Bargaining With Berlin

Belgian Premier On
Economic Mission

Brussels, Apr. 13.—M. Paul Van Zeeland, the Premier, has taken the first opportunity to sound Germany on the economic mission recently entrusted to him by the British and French Governments, according to the newspapers.

The press is speculating on what happened at a private meeting between M. Van Zeeland and Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, to-day.

It is unofficially suggested that M. Van Zeeland alluded to Germany's part in a tariff truce, the possibility of eventual devaluation of the mark, and the prospects of the Bank of International Settlements supporting the Reichsbank.

Dr. Schacht also met a number of industrialists, and another report says he is proposing a big barter transaction of Belgian colonial produce for German manufactures.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN REGRETS ILL-TREATMENT OF BRITONS

Old Keelung Incident Finally Settled

OFFENDING POLICEMEN GET WARNING AND REPRIMAND

London, April 13.

Japan has expressed her regret for the "Keelung incident."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Japanese Government had at last responded to the British representations concerning the Keelung affair, in which British sailors were tortured by Japanese policemen and a British naval officer grossly insulted.

Replying to Lieut-Commander Reginald Fletcher, Mr. Eden said that in accordance with an arrangement reached between the Japanese Government and the British Ambassador at Tokyo, the Director-General of the Formosan Government had addressed a letter to the British Consul at Keelung, regretting that such an unpleasant incident should have occurred and stating that appropriate steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence. The Director-General invited the co-operation of the British authorities to that end.

ONTARIO TO FIGHT RADICALS

Hepburn Challenges
Communist Element

Demands Cabinet's
Solid Support

Oshawa, Apr. 13.

The strike in the General Motors Corporation plants in Canada has forced the company to turn over rush export orders to the United States factories with which it is affiliated.

Mr. Henry Carmichael, vice-president of the General Motors Corporation in Canada, has made public a telegram sent to the Corporation's offices in England, expressing regret that he could give no definite information as to when the strike would be settled. He added that any orders immediately required would have to be obtained from the United States plants.

Meanwhile, the belligerent Ontario Premier, Mr. Mitchell F. Hepburn, has asked his Cabinet at Toronto to support his policy of opposition to the American-born Committee of Industrial Organisation "or resign."

The C.I.O. it was which caused the costly strikes in the automobile industry in the United States, which have only just been concluded. Demanding the united support of his Cabinet, Mr. Hepburn declared the forces of Mr. John Lewis, C.I.O. chief, and Communism, were marching together. "We are going to hold back the spread of Communism in this province as long as I am here," he declared. He added that he had arranged for the augmentation of emergency police squads in Toronto, Communism's "capital" in Canada.

Mr. Hepburn said the authorities had discovered that "Communists from outside are ready to take an increasingly active part in the Oshawa situation."

When the spare parts department of the Oshawa plant opened to-day, 48 employees reported for work and were greeted by 3,500 pickets. But there was no attempt at molestation since detachments of Royal Canadian Mounted Police were at hand.—*Reuter.*

The letter continued that the Governor of Formosa had reprimanded the policemen concerned for improper conduct and for looting hands on a sailor under examination, and for using improper language to a British officer. This breach, it was explained, was doubtless due to the Japanese policemen's limited knowledge of the English language. The man who spoke so insultingly to the British officer had been cautioned to be more careful in future.

INCIDENT CLOSED
The letter concluded with the expression of the hope that the incident might be regarded as closed.

The British Consul had acknowledged the letter, and it was agreed that the incident should be regarded as closed.

The British Consul had assured the Government of Formosa that it might certainly count upon his co-operation in preventing a recurrence of similar incidents.

The settlement, said Mr. Eden, was regarded as satisfactory by the British Government and he was sure, he added, that the House of Commons would agree that it was a matter for satisfaction that the case should be finally disposed of.—*Reuter.*

SMUGGLING DIMINISHING

London, Apr. 13.—In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. W. Roston Duckworth, Conservative M.P. for the Moss Side Division of Manchester, Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, said smuggling in North China had apparently diminished recently.

Mr. Eden added, however, that in view of indications which had reached him, he was considering whether there were any further steps that could be usefully taken in the matter.—*Reuter.*

GERMANY FORTIFIES FRONTIER

Lorraine Watches
With Anxiety

Metz, Apr. 13.—Across the frontier from Lorraine, French people are watching with some anxiety the construction of German fortifications in the former demilitarised Rhineland zone.

The Germans are doubling the Maginot Line with a series of hidden gun nests and tank traps and are reported to be mining bridges, including those on the Saarbrücken Line, which covers a number of rich coal-bearing centres in the region of Saar and which also runs through the Palatinate from Pirmasens to Kaiserlautern.

The latter section is being most rapidly completed, while large barracks are said to be in course of construction at Neunkirchen.—*Reuter.*

New afternoon dresses have too many frilly bits

—but you'll like their silhouette

ZOE FARMAR
& ROBB SEND
THEIR FOURTH
REPORT ON THE
PARIS SPRING
DRESS SHOWS

THE more dressy day clothes (that from habit we go on calling "afternoon," although in practice we do not buy them for a special time, but for a certain type, of day—when we want to look up to an occasion) are mainly messy, over-trimmed.

To soften this brutal comment I'll admit there are still some designers of important repute who have not yet shown their collections—so there is still hope.

But meantime I can only tell you of what I've seen—about eight famed collections—and all, when they get away from the main tailored day-time line, let the trend towards embroidery, stitching, and fancy borders litter up and obscure the main outline of the dress.

Feminine Frumpies

HERE are some examples of the sort of thing I mean, which I do not believe you will like any more than I do.

Bead embroidery, baskets of flowers, old world and all that, covering (in more than one dress) the front of a bodice; flamboyant bouquets worked above a pocket that is made of a composition stuff intended to look like real basket-work.

Flower-cut-outs—stitched one-by-one—at least this fashion must make for overtime in the workrooms) on to a dress that is already buzzing with intricacies.

Fancy borders, to hem-lines and sleeves; bands of embroidered net edging silk dresses; scrolled outlines of lacquered piping; bands of different colours but in the same fabric; trellisings of piping.

Once admitting then that the main trend in the more dressed-up day clothes is hardly likely to be taken up by the many of us, we can pick around for the more restrained, less typical, but at least wearable details.

Sleeveless jackets with close fitting arm-holes and cut so that, while close on the shoulders, the jacket springs out back and front, to high waist length, will be useful in late spring. Some are in fur, others hand-tufted wool (widely meshed, between the tufts; here's a craft I'll have to teach you), or silk.

Draped sleeve lines—especially for short ones. Neat new sleeve that parts on the



shoulder to show folded bands of contrasting colour between front and back of bodice.

Freak Patterned Silks

STUFFS: Wool and cotton lace used in good strong colours; stout alpaca for dressy overcoats; the usual summer floral silks, but this time in more vivid and smaller flowerings; a new so far unnamed weave of silk that is coarse, rather like linen, dull glazed; to-be-expected freak patterned silks; coils of bright yellow rope on black; tiny prancing white stags on blue; in fact, all kinds of animals, vegetables (including radishes), street scenes, and churches (quite a spate of tourist pictures).

Consoling comment: As most of us are more concerned with all-day clothes, it doesn't much matter that the more formal frivolities are disappointing in design. The silhouette is becoming, the materials good. We can forget the trimmings.

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By "HOUSEWIFE"

SUNDAY supper is sure to see all the family at home, and you will want to give them something rather special for a sweet, I know.

You won't want to bother with anything too elaborate after cooking the mid-day dinner, so it can be something which is quickly prepared, or else a cold sweet you have made the day before, like a special trifle or fruit cream.

Here are last week's winning cake recipes:—

JOHN O' CROATS CAKE

THIS cake is made in two separate portions. For the bottom layer: 3 oz. self-raising flour, pinch salt, 2 oz. sugar, 3 oz. butter. Cream sugar and butter, add flour and salt. Mould it to fit a tin 7 in. in diameter. Spread a layer of jam over.

Now take 3 oz. rolled oats, 3 oz. butter and 3 oz. sugar. Rub butter into the oats with the finger tips, mix in the sugar and place this on top of the jam. Bake in a slow oven one hour.

CINNAMON COOKIES

INGREDIENTS: 1 breakfastcupful flour, 3 oz. butter, 2 oz. sugar, 1 egg, ½ teaspoonful bicarbonate of soda, 1 level teaspoonful powdered cinnamon, ½ teaspoonful sour milk.

Dissolve the soda in the sour milk. Beat the sugar and butter to a cream, add the beaten egg and flour alternately. Lastly add the cinnamon and soda dissolved in the milk. Place on a floured board and roll out thinly, cut into rounds. Put on a greased tin and bake for 15 minutes in a hot oven. Sprinkle with castor sugar before serving.

BOODLES CAKE, FROM KENT

INGREDIENTS: 10 oz. flour, 10 oz. butter, ½ lb. sugar, 5 eggs, 2 oz. Raisley flour, pinch of salt. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, well beaten, gradually, add flour and salt, mix well together. Bake in a moderate oven for 2 hours.

CHOCOLATE ICING.—Bring to boil 2 dessertspoonfuls water and 2 oz. grated chocolate. Stir in 4 oz. icing sugar. Allow cake to cool, cover with chocolate icing, make a nest of coconut browned in oven. Drop in a few small birds' eggs, decorate the top of cake with 2 or 3 small chicks. A delightful and nourishing cake for the children. Will keep moist if kept in tin for 1 month.

ECONOMY CAKE

PUT into a saucepan 1 cupful brown sugar, 1 cupful water, 1 cupful stoned raisins, dates or currants, 1/3 cupful lard, dripping or margarine, few nutmeg gratings, 1 teaspoonful cinnamon, ½ teaspoonful allspice, pinch of salt.

Boil together for 3 minutes, when cold add 1 teaspoonful carbonate of soda, dissolved in warm water, ½ teaspoonful baking powder, sifted in 2 cups of flour. Bake in moderate oven.

EASTER LILY CAKE

INGREDIENTS: 6 oz. butter, ½ lb. self-raising flour, 6 oz. castor sugar, 1 oz. ground almonds, 2 oz. candied orange peel, ¼ lb. glace cherries cut in halves, ¼ lb. sultanas, 3 eggs.

Cream butter and sugar together, well beat the eggs and add, then all flour and all fruit and ground almonds. Bake in moderate oven about 1½ hour. When cold put a layer of almond paste on top and ice all over with yellow icing made with yolk of egg instead of whites. Decorate with blanched almonds halved and stuck in to look like petals of a lily, with pieces of angelica for centre of flowers and leaves. This is a very spring-like looking cake and nice eating.

1. Silk frock, cornflower blue. DETAIL: Pleating in four panels, two back and two front, also one band on each sleeve. Pleats sewn to below hip. Tongues of pleating also hang from below severe collar. Plain tailored buttons. On each hip, folds looking like (but not) pocket flaps.

2. Afternoon suit of cinnamon corded silk. JACKET: Draped, short sleeves, folds down front of jacket, stitched to waist, then stiff backward flare. DRESS: Quite plain cut. Bodice embroidered white cotton (coarse, like wool) on chest and round neck. Folds on jacket repeated back of skirt hem.

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WAR CLOUDS OVER A CONTINENT

European Nations Are Preparing For Colossal Struggle

SUBORDINATION OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY SEEN IN GERMANY

Webb Miller, ace war correspondent of the United Press, flew from capital to capital in Europe inspecting the old world's rapidly growing war machines. In Russia he found one of history's greatest peace-time fighting units. In Italy, where Mussolini is warning his blackshirts to "be prepared," Miller learned that 9,000,000 Italians were trained for armed conflict. He sizes up the military strength of Nazi Germany, finds practically every human activity subordinated to national planning and preparedness for war:

By Webb Miller
United Press Staff Correspondent

Berlin, Apr. 10.

With military power as their chief object, the Nazis are gradually reshaping Germany's economic industrial and civil life.

In a study of conditions here, during an aerial tour of the principal capitals of Europe, the writer was impressed by the subordination of every human activity to the national planning and preparedness for war.

It is not apparent to the average tourist. Crowds move normally in the streets of Berlin, shops are busy and cafes buzz with everyday, light-hearted conversation.

Even the casual glance at factories, heavy industrial plants and other production centres, however, indicates the serious purpose of Germany to be a great and self-sufficient nation.

The main lines of the transformation may be summarized briefly as follows:

1. Self-sufficiency without dependence on foreign imports of basic raw materials by the development of synthetic substitutes, especially vital military necessities such as oil, motor fuel, rubber, ores, and fabrics under the present "four year" plan of speeding up industrial development.
2. Accumulation of huge reserves and drastic control of imports and exports, to prevent the export of war necessities.
3. Extensive motorization of the nation, including the lowering of car prices and standardization and simplification of car models.
4. Construction of a great network of super-highways, designed to encourage motorization.
5. Integration of industry on virtually a war-time basis by loans, subsidization and arbitrary decrees.
6. Decentralization or territorial readjustment of industry as a protection against air raids shifting factories from vulnerable frontiers and isolated outside cities.
7. Moral education and discipline of the people in accordance with the doctrine that the interests of the community supersede those of the individual. This is accompanied by physical training.
8. Alteration of the food habits of the people to lessen their dependence on imports. An instance is the present rationing of fats and the campaign to reduce the consumption of fats.
9. Raising of the birth-rate by prizes, loans and advantages to fathers of large families, under which the Nazi birth-rate has risen from 15.1 per 1,000 to 18.9.

With the advance in the mechanization of armies and the importance of air forces, gasoline and lubricating oil have become primary military necessities.

At tremendous expense, the Nazis have been exploiting successfully the process of extracting oil from coal. Hitler has predicted that within 18 months the nation will require no gasoline imports.

The process still is twice as expensive as importing oil but an invention is being perfected which is claimed will reduce the cost considerably.

GREAT COAL RESOURCES

Germany possesses great resources of coal. Foreign observers foresee the possibility of independence from gasoline imports but doubt whether it can be achieved in lubricating oil.

In 1935, Germany produced 370,000 tons of fuel oil, of which 250,000 were extracted from coal, but at the same time imported 1,000,000 tons.

Three huge plants are in operation and three are being built, financed by

SYNTHETIC MATERIAL

Three large synthetic textile plants are in existence and four are being built. It is estimated that the 1937 production of such textiles from wood fibre will be greater than the world synthetic textile production of 1936.

For durability, the fabric must be mixed with a heavy proportion of cotton and wool although the wool content is being scientifically reduced.

Army uniforms are partially synthetic.

Other substitutes include resinous substances to replace metal tubes of wood in place of corks for bottles, and varnish made without linseed.

To economize and reduce imports, 20,000 collectors began in January weekly collections from houses of rags, paper, tin, copper, zinc, rubber and bones, aimed at a saving of millions of marks yearly.

In spite of all the above, Germany's meagre supply of iron ore constitutes a major military difficulty which can be remedied only by huge reserves.

John Wants Me Back

—ELAINE

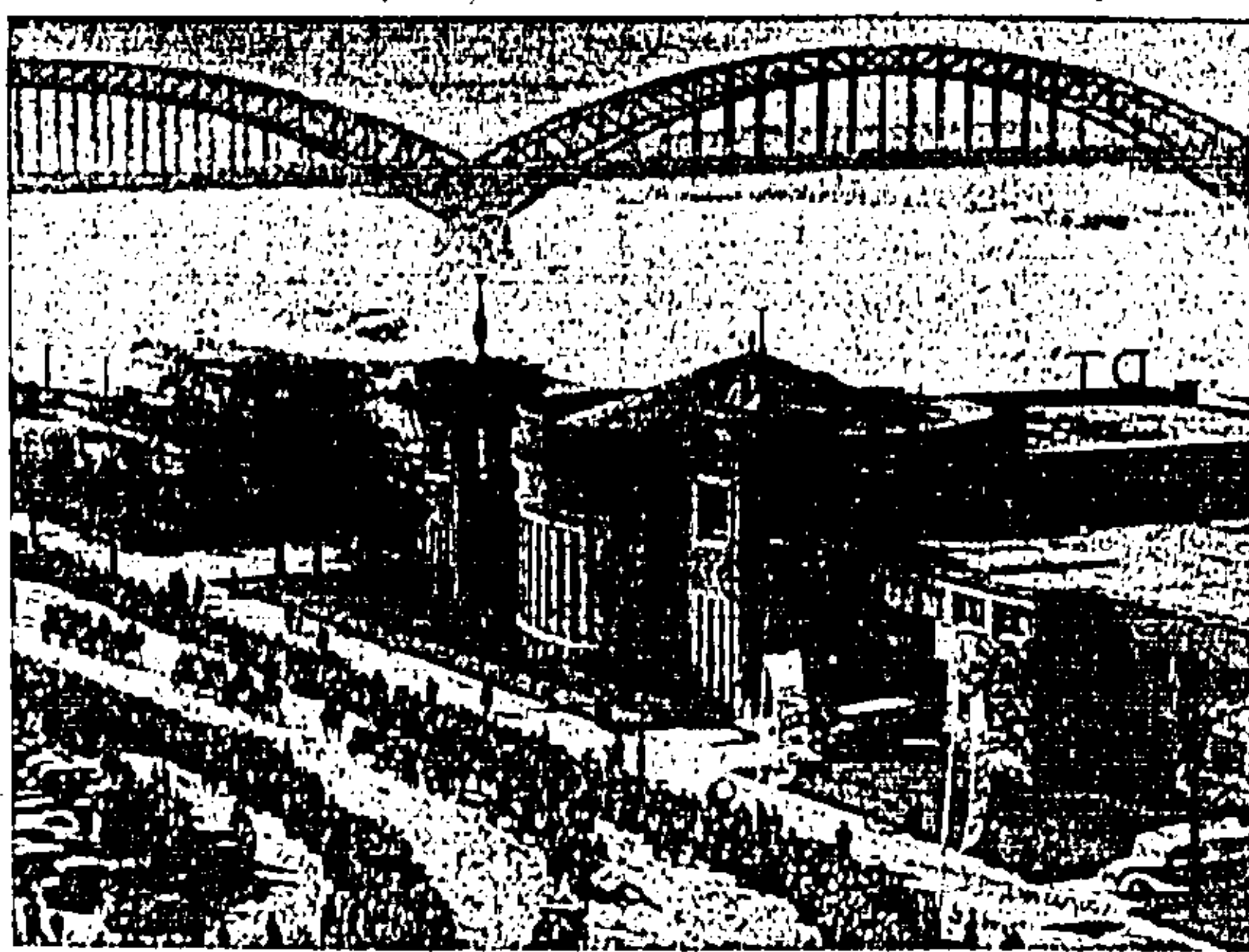
Hollywood, Apr. 10.
ELAINE Barrie has decided not to press her suit for divorce from John Barrymore for the present.

Asserting that she has often seen Barrymore since she filed her divorce suit, Elaine said: "John wants me back. He thinks we can begin all over again, but I can't make up my mind."

Asked "Do you still love him?" she replied: "The question is not whether we love each other, but whether we can live together in harmony. I have learned that much more than love is needed to make marriage a success. You can't turn back the clock and forget everything that has happened."

Miss Barrie, who is aged 31, and Mr. Barrymore, who is 64, were married in November.

They parted after a quarrel at a party on New Year's Eve.



German Soldiers marching across the Rhine into the Zone demilitarized by the Versailles Treaty.

SINGAPORE SEEN AS FLEET BASE

London, Apr. 12.

In July the huge raving dock at Seletar, the Singapore naval base, will be ready for occupation.

It has been designed to take ships up to 50,000 tons, though no warships of that size have been, or are likely to be, built—at least for years to come.

For the past eight years a floating dock, able to house and lift ships up to 55,000 tons, has been moored at the Singapore base. By July, therefore, the new dockyard will be capable of docking and repairing simultaneously any two capital ships in the navy.

The entire base, together with its fortifications, is due for completion at the end of 1939. By that date more than £10,000,000 will have been spent in making the Seletar the largest, best equipped and probably the most strongly defended naval base east of Suez.

Its impending completion raises the question of the use to which it will be put. It is not improbable that Singapore will eventually become the headquarters of a new "Pacific Fleet," charged with the defence of British Empire's immense territories and interests within that ocean.

The creation of such a fleet, to include ships provided by the Dominions, was contemplated before the war and again in the early post-war years. The project, however, was shelved after the Washington Conference of 1921-22, which not only stabilized the strategic position in the Pacific for a long time, but so reduced the British battle fleet that no capital units could be spared for the Pacific.

Now that the Washington Treaty has lapsed, the situation is almost the same as it was in 1921. Consequently, all the reasons which made the organization of a Pacific Fleet expedient at that time could again be advanced. The completion of the new base at Singapore will provide the essential foundation for such a scheme.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSION LIKELY

It is more than likely that this question will figure prominently on the agenda of the Imperial Conference to begin in May. Neither Great Britain nor the Dominions is satisfied with the existing state of the Commonwealth's defences in the Pacific.

The nearest British battleships are at Malta, 6,000 miles away. On the China Station are six cruisers, a flotilla of destroyers and 15 submarines. In the East Indies there are three cruisers.

The Australian Squadron comprises three cruisers and a few destroyers, while the New Zealand division consists of two cruisers. If all these forces were combined, their united strength would be incapable of resisting attack by a fleet which included capital ships.

It is believed in some quarters that it may not be a coincidence that the year which will witness the completion of the new base should also see the commissioning of Britain's new battleships of the 1936-37 programme. Besides the King George V and Prince of Wales, begun on Jan. 1, additional ships are to be built.

Early in 1940 four or five battleships of the most powerful type will be ready for service. While it is improbable that they would be sent to the Pacific, their completion would release a corresponding number of older ships, whose presence at Singapore would be welcomed by the Dominions and colonies concerned.—United Press.

FISH STORY

Boston, Apr. 10.

The "Daddy of all Goldfish"—20 inches long and weighing eight pounds—was brought into port here by the trawler Plymouth.

Actually, it was a golden haddock, a rare albino variety of fish.—United Press.

Empire Talks On Defence

By A Political Correspondent
THE Imperial Conference, which is to meet in London immediately after the Coronation, will be one of the most important in the history of the Empire.

Problems of unified defence will dominate the discussions. Members of the British Cabinet are convinced that there must be complete co-ordination of every Empire resource if this is to be effectively organized.

The first item on the agenda, as announced by Mr. Baldwin in the House of Commons yesterday, is foreign affairs.

British Ministers will lay before the conference all aspects of recent international developments, to prove that complete co-operation is necessary for Empire defence.

They are, however, likely to be faced with the diffidence of Canadian and South African Ministers who have promised their supporters that they will not commit themselves to any foreign entanglements.

AIDING BRITISH SHIPPING

Despite this, it is hoped in London that there will be a willingness to contribute not only ideas but also money towards a defence pool.

A proposal will be put forward for knitting together every Empire resource towards building up an effective organisation in London to direct a common strategy.

There will be separate talks on trade matters between individual Governments, which will be governed by their experiences resulting from the Ottawa Agreements.

The problem of inter-empire communications is likely to be thrashed out in detail in the full conference.

The future of Empire shipping, particularly in the Pacific, is a matter of the utmost importance, which brooks no delay.

The Imperial Shipping Committee in London has made definite proposals for financially assisting British shipping in the Pacific, but a final decision may be delayed until the conference.

PLANS FOR AIR LINKS

In addition there is the future of Empire air communications to be considered and planned.

The conference is expected to hold its first meeting at No. 10, Downing-street on May 14 under the chairmanship of Mr. Baldwin, who will then bid farewell to the Dominion statesmen before relinquishing the Premiership.

SHANGHAI GESTURE

Shanghai, Apr. 10.

American Naval officials were puzzled about what to do with a seaman who went to a party in Honolulu and woke up several hours later to find himself aboard the Dollar Liner President Hoover, en route to Shanghai.

Because of his 18-year "clean record", the unnamed seaman was not expected to be charged with desertion.—United Press.

PEACE AT ANY PRICE PLEA REJECTED

Free Church Call for Ban on Air Warfare

A RESOLUTION pledging the Free Churches to resist war for any reason was rejected at the National Free Church Council at Leicester last month.

Another resolution which included a call for the total abolition of aerial warfare was carried.

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Moving the first resolution, Mr. Evans, of Market Harborough, said: "I cannot understand how the Archbishop can go on saying to men, 'God forgive you utterly and completely,' but there are times when you must go and slay men because they are doing wrong."

The resolution carried deplored the dangerous state of Europe and called upon the Churches of the world to resist excessive nationalism, to use the establishment of a world court of equity and to press for the total abolition of aerial warfare and the internationalisation of air forces to be used only for the purposes of peace.

A part of the resolution approving the Government's policy of non-intervention in Spain was withdrawn. Dr. J. Rushbrooke, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said: "Altogether, apart from Spain, the danger points are so numerous that an explosion somewhere is all too probable."

"What are we to say as we confront that situation? Certainly we cannot acquiesce and be silent." Mr. Owen Rattenbury, of London, declared that the Government's policy of non-intervention, though it was well intended, amounted to intervention against the legal and elected Government of Spain.

The Rev. T. W. Bevan, of Bradford, moved an amendment pledging the council to thoroughgoing opposition to the Government's rearmament programme, and to securing from the Government a declaration



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that they would take no part in war or any preparation for war.

"It is too late in the day merely to wring our hands and sigh over the present situation," he said.

"The history of the National Government in foreign affairs is a history of utter failure, and I believe the Free Church leaders of the past would have condemned it long ago."

"I hope that the Free Churches will not worship at the feet of bellicose politicians." The amendment was defeated.

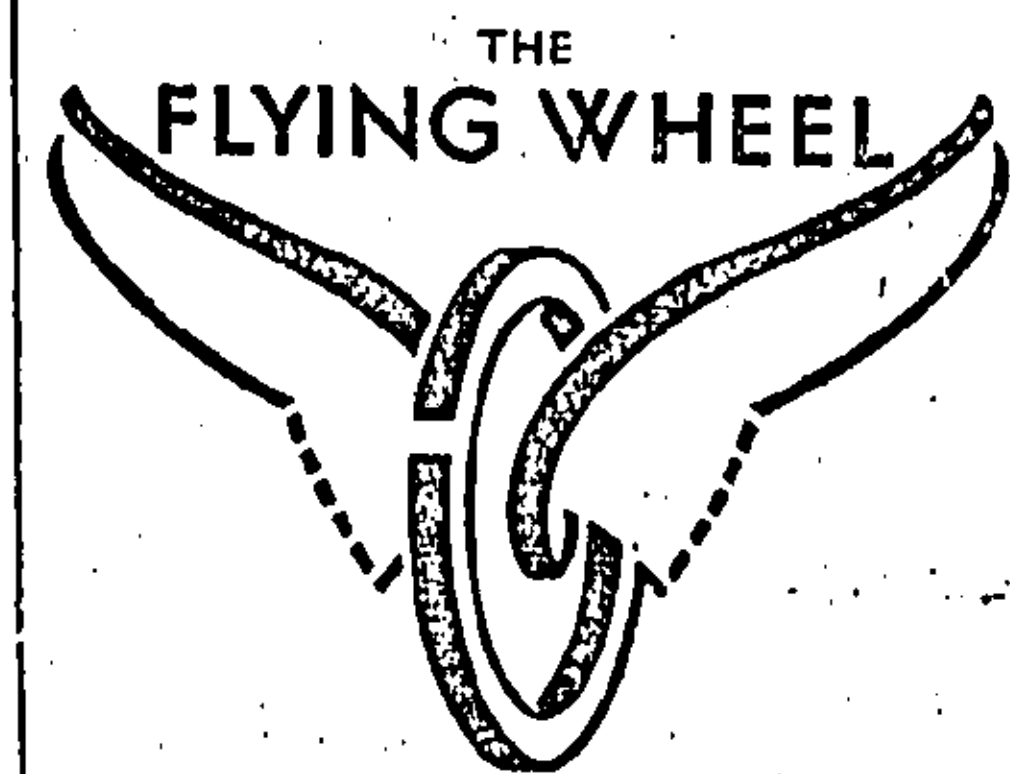
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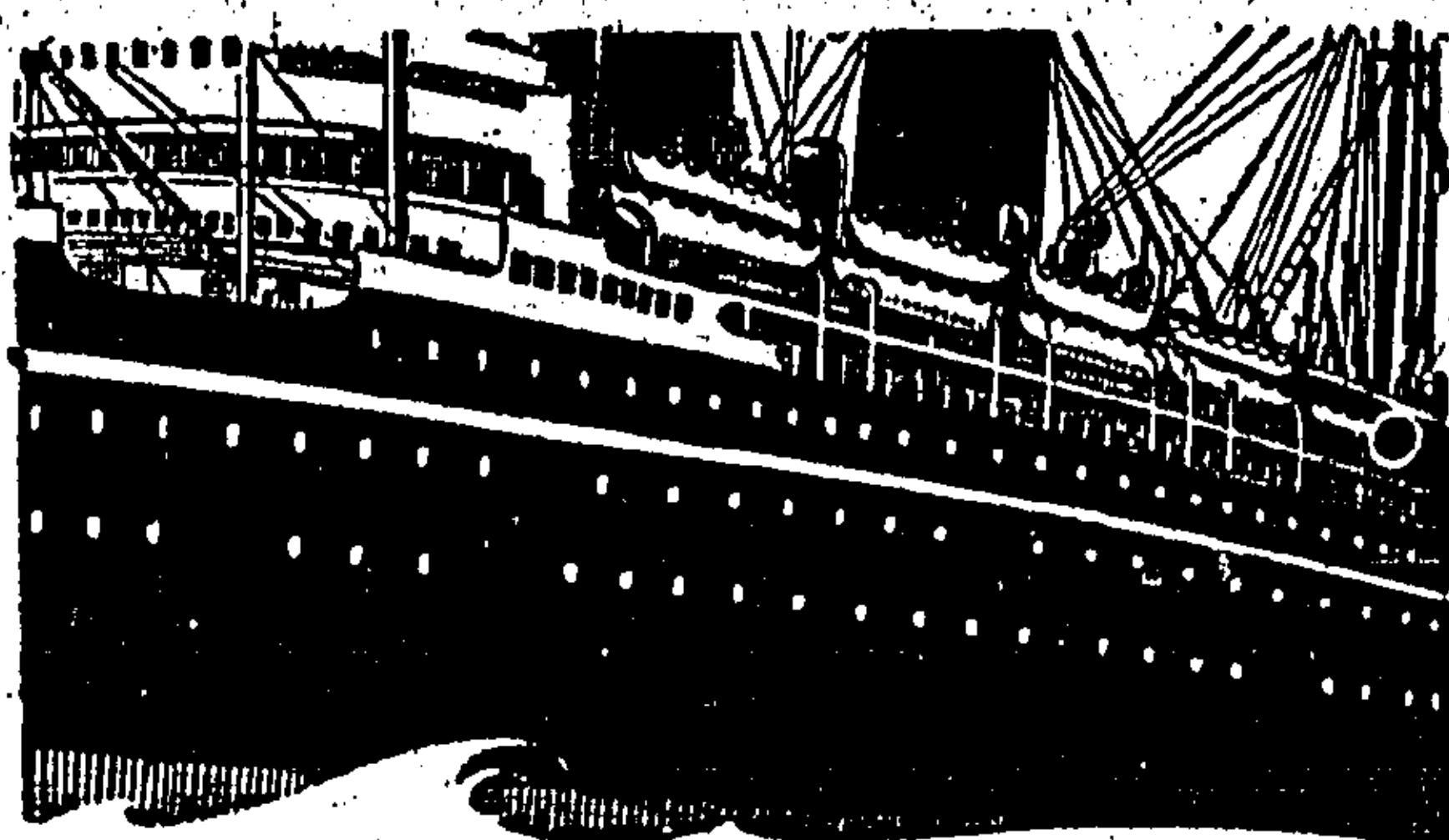
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2 p.m. The Savori Bands: A Reminiscence Programme.
2.47 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.
2.52 p.m. "World Affairs." A talk by H. Wickham Speed.
3.7 p.m. Chamber Music. The Pivotal Trio: Lella Pivotal (Violin); Charles Henderson (Violoncello); Mar Pivotal (Pianoforte).
3.40 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 3.45 p.m.
Transmission 2
(G.S.B., G.S.O., G.S.H.)
7 p.m. "World Affairs." A talk by H. Wickham Speed.
7.17 p.m. The New Victoria Cinema Orchestra.
7.40 p.m. A Folk-song Recital.
8.10 p.m. The Savori Bands: A Reminiscence Programme.
8.55 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.15 p.m.
9.15 p.m. The Birmingham Hippodrome Orchestra.
Transmission 3
(G.S.B., G.S.O., G.S.H.)
10 p.m. Sir John Monty Leonard and his Orchestra.
10.30 p.m. "The Vale of Evesham." A programme arranged by Robin White, with in co-operation with Charles Gardiner.
11.15 p.m. The B.I.C. Empire Orchestra.
12.10 a.m. Variety, with Nat Mills and his orchestra.
12.30 a.m. "That Silly Pair."
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CINEMA NOTES

"Music Hath Charms" is his first film under new contract for B. I. P. film which features Henry Hall and his B. B. C. Dance Orchestra. The action of the film moves from the English countryside, where Hall is taking a crowd of poor children on an outing, to a liner on its way to Africa. In Africa we see an outpost of Empire being attacked by natives, and are shown how music, particularly that dispensed by Henry Hall, has power to soothe the savage breast, then we move to the Highlands of Scotland, where a young couple lost in the mist suddenly hear the strains of "Here's To The Next Time," and are able to find the way to an old shepherd's hut. In the Law Courts, where a breach of promise case is in progress, a wireless set is produced as part of the evidence. The judge asks that it be switched on and as the music of the B.B.C. Band fills the court, room judge, jury and litigants become intoxicated by the haunting strains and finish up in a hilarious scene in which they all join in the dancing. In addition to Henry Hall and his Band, there is particularly strong supporting cast that includes the well-known West End comedian, W. H. Berry, Arthur Margeson, Carol Goodner, Lorna Hubbard, Billy Milton, Aubrey Mallalieu, Antoinette Cellier, Ivan Samson, Wallace Douglas, Edith Sharpe, Quinton McPherson, Maudie Hope, Hildegarde and Norman Varden.

"One Rainy Afternoon"

"One Rainy Afternoon" and "Secret Rendezvous," two tuneful new songs hits that are enjoying great popularity on the air are featured in "One Rainy Afternoon," Pickford-Lasky's gay comedy romance, starring Francis Lederer, showing at the King's Theatre to-day. Film fans will have their first chance to hear the romantic Lederer sing in this film, which marks the first offering of the newly organized producing company headed by Mary Pickford and Jesse L. Lasky. He sings "One Rainy Afternoon," while the other song is sung by Seger Ellis and Margaret Warner. Ida Lupino plays the romantic Czech's leading lady in this sparkling Parisian comedy depicting the amazing developments that ensue when a handsome young man kisses a strange beauty in a dark movie theatre, while five famous comedians play important supporting roles, Hugh Herbert, Roland Young, Erik Rhodes, Joseph Cawthorn and Donald Meek.

"Chained"

Clarence Brown, who is known out in Hollywood as the director who has never made an unsuccessful picture, comes through with flying colours again with his production of "Chained," the new Joan Crawford-Clark Gable co-starring vehicle which is showing now at the Majestic Theatre. Lavishly mounted, beautifully photographed and acted to perfection, the new picture holds all the elements of skillfully thought-out screen entertainment, enhanced by the romantic excitement which a story involving the glamorous Miss Crawford and the popular Mr. Gable always gives. The reliable Otto Kruger makes the most of his part as the unwanted man, and excellent support is given by Stuart Erwin, Una O'Connor and Marjorie Gateson. You will find "Chained" unbeatable entertainment. It is a picture that many filmgoers will want to see twice.

"Breezing Home"

"Breezing Home," the Universal picture which is now at the Alhambra Theatre, is a picture of the struggle of too many sweethearts. A millionaire, owning a string of race horses, falls in love with his trainer. The same fellow has awakened the affections of a beautiful night club singer, who also owns a horse. Then the ladies meet. Fire-works! William Gargan portrays the trainer, Binnie Barnes is the rich lady and Wendy Barrie is the blonde haired, canny throat singer. A crooked book-maker, played by Alan Baxter, lifts the drama to an exciting pitch. The action blazes to life on the Santa Anita track. Other brilliant sequences take place in a modern night club, where streamlined Wendy Barrie sings "I'm Hitting the Hot Spots" and "You're in my Heart Again."

For the new Will Rogers picture, "Steamboat Round the Bend," now at the Star Theatre, Fox Film has again brought together the star, authors, producer and director of the Rogers' hit, "Judge Priest," to produce another rousing story of the southland. "Steamboat Round the Bend," adapted from Ben Lucien Burns' novel, is a drama-filled, down to earth story of life along the Mississippi in the roaring 1880's, the most colourful period in the great river's history. The picture is the story of a couple of steamboating rivals, Will Rogers and Irvin Cobb, their hilarious rivalry and their great life-and-death race which brings the story to its spectacular climax. Stepin Fetchit, the sepi, slow-motion star, Eugene Pallette and Berton Churchill are prominent in the supporting cast of "Steamboat Round the Bend."

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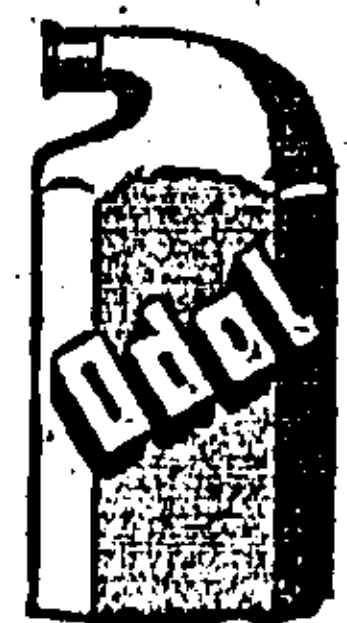
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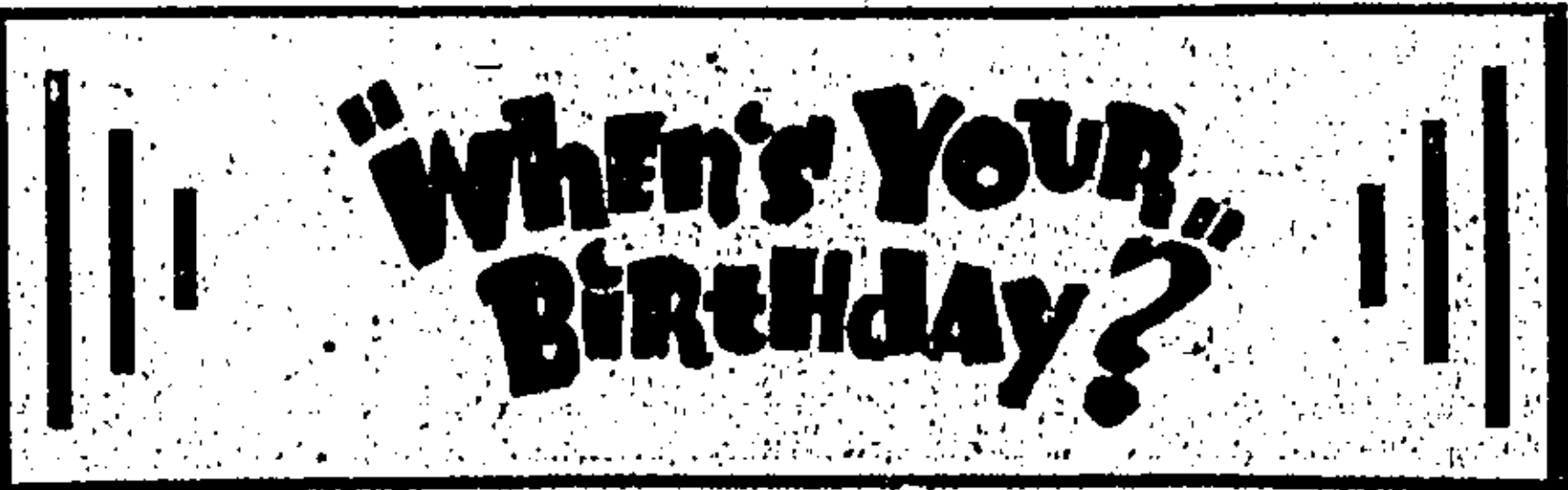
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SUPREME COURT AND NEW DEAL

Although it is not to be assumed that the United States Supreme Court, in upholding the Wagner Act, regulating the relations between employers and employees, was in any way influenced by President Roosevelt's plans for reform of the Judiciary, there will be a disposition in some quarters to link the two developments. It appears perfectly clear, however, that the President is unlikely to be diverted from his intention to alter the personnel of the Court. Commentators who have been giving attention to the Roosevelt plan recall an analogy in the debates which took place in the British House of Commons on the Parliament Bill in 1910. The veto of the House of Lords was then in question; in the United States to-day, it is the veto power of the Supreme Court which is involved. It will be recalled that Mr. Asquith, the British Premier at this time, threatened to create new Lords to offset the supremacy of the Tories in the Upper Chamber. The Roosevelt threat is to create more Judges ("wet nurses," Senator Carter Glass calls them) if some of the benevolent old gentlemen on the Supreme Court do not retire. Politically, the opposition to the Presidential plan is of a mixed order. The regular Republicans are lying low, because they wish to see the debate kept on a non-partisan plane. The chief opponents are the irregulars from both parties, the Southern Democrats and the Western Republicans, the Senators who monopolise the dialectical ability of Congress. There is a considerable section of opinion which prefers amendment of the Constitution to reform of the Judiciary, a device, however, which the Attorney General has described as "the strategy of delay." The House of Representatives is pliant on the issue, but the Senate prospect is not too clear, although it is stated that Roosevelt can count on a small majority. In the opinion of a close observer, President Roosevelt is disposed for the moment to delay a definite vote on the subject, preferring meanwhile the strategy of wooing the Senators individually. There is no indication at present that he intends to back out of the position he has taken up, and it is hardly to be imagined that the upholding of the Wagner Act will in any way deflect him from the purpose which he has in mind.

Problem for a Conqueror

Important dispatch from Paris Correspondent, JOSSLEYN HENNESSY, showing what Mussolini's position in Abyssinia really is, what it means to him and the rest of Europe

FOR public debate I here summarise without comment the views of certain highly-placed French authorities:

Italy is still engaged in guerilla warfare in Abyssinia and is likely to maintain 400,000 soldiers and regimented workers there for at least two years to come. The war cost her £200,000,000. Maintenance of her forces there, exclusive of capital required for economic exploitation, costs her about £100,000,000 yearly.

Using the plain language, stripped of "nebulous idealism," which dictators like France and Britain could, in the event of a threat of war in Europe, say to Mussolini:

"If you don't side with us, we are strong enough to draw a naval barrage across the Gulf of Suez. We can close the seas between Aden and Jibuti. For many years to come, we can arm the native population in the Sudanese frontier regions against you.

"Your air force might give us a hard tussle in the Mediterranean, but this would not affect our blockade of Abyssinia, because Aden and Jibuti are adequate for the largest naval and air fleets imaginable."

The Jibuti railway must continue for at least another two years to be the supply base for the vast majority of Italians in Abyssinia. As motor roads multiply, this dependence will decrease to some extent; but if Italian access to Assab were closed by sea, the vital supply lorries, tanks and aeroplanes, which consume vast quantities of petrol and oil, would be without fuel (20,000 lorries were used up beyond repair in the seven months of the Abyssinia war).

Open fuel dumps would be vulnerable to air attack, while bomb-proof underground reservoirs would be extremely costly and take time to build.

During the Abyssinian war, Italy mobilised 1,000,000 men. She used up 80 per cent. of her war stocks (munitions, lorries, uniforms, etc.). She has now reduced effectives to 650,000 men for economy's sake.

She has, since August when she placed her industries on war basis, begun a tremendous effort to bring her depleted stocks back to normal; this will take about two years.

Mussolini proclaims that his policy is backed by 8,000,000 bayonets; but if a European war broke out during this period, it is estimated that he could not equip more than 1,200,000 to 1,500,000 men.

To this Mussolini could reply:

"My 400,000 men in Abyssinia, plus the native army which I shall raise, will not sit still under your blockade. My troops are now on the Sudanese frontier. They could launch a



powerful thrust through the army, requiring time to recruit Sudan, up to the Suez Canal and train. Moreover, French and British Somaliland, Uganda and war stocks badly need time to recuperation.

Noting these facts, responsible Frenchmen deplore the possibilities are recognised that Non-Intervention Committee's it is urged that now is the time for temporary negotiations. Only a firm to settle the problems raised by Franco-British stand is needed, Abyssinia's future.

Now Mussolini's hypothetical threat to Egypt's hinterland is harmless because it implies a "crusade against Bolshevism" network of macadamised roads and the Italo-German co-operation in Abyssinia, requiring several years to build, and a native alarmed are gigantic bluff.

Pity The Poor Bridge Widower

ONCE upon a time I had a wife.

Clever, domesticated, good cook, good sport, and remarkably easy on the eye. Modern of course, but not ultra so. For instance, this new-fangled psychology stunt, especially in nursery matters, left her stone cold.

When the twins came all over Surrealist with a new paint-box and the walls of the lounge, she didn't blent about their need to develop their egos, and punishment was not barred in case same egos went addled. No fear. They were well and truly spanked under their little pinafores and put to bed.

Ah, once upon a time I had a wife! Of course I still have her—in a way, she is with us but not of us, as some poet Johnny puts it.

A serpent has entered into our Eden and the name of the serpent is Contract Bridge.

Now I used to like a game of bridge myself. Nice, chatty, social bridge with the So-and-Sos, for a couple of hours after dinner, with a couple (or more) drinks thrown in, was a nice peace-making way of spending an evening.

You know the kind of thing. "Two hearts, partner. Yes, that's a lovely new car the Smiths have got, can't think how they do it. What? Two on trump? A little more soda, please." "Darling, we can't let these men have it all their own way, should I? Dare I? Yes, I will. Four spades. Have you seen Mrs. Brown in that petunia coat? Awful, isn't it?" "Oh, I wish you had left me in spades!"

So it went on, a nice friendly evening. Then The Woman Who Had Won The Gold Vase in a big tournament came to a new bungalow in our road. May she, her bungalow, her vase, and all that is there in be forever blasted.

her with Culbertson. Red books cramped the style of our bedroom, and blue books—blue bridge books, of course, littered the lounge. Odd tables with "interesting hands" dealt out were all over everywhere, until my wife had time to "work them out!"

Worse was to follow. A spate of suburban bridge drives left the proud possessor of one Barbola mirror, one nightmare lampshade, and one imitation Lalique powder bowl; all first prizes, and all due to "this latent talent for bridge that I have developed."

Gold Vase said that she was "proud of her pupil." Pupil immediately put her name down for the Evening Wail Tournament, along with the lady in the petunia coat from down the road. To be sure, they were nowhere near the first hundred thousand, but they "didn't do so badly," and it was "all experience," and with "constant practice" they may yet "pull off a big thing."

This constant practice has commenced. Four afternoons a week does the wife of my beam sally forth to do doughty deeds at the bridge table. Two evenings a week I re-turn home to find budding Mrs. Culbertson gathered under my roof tree. The new, cool gave us cold mutton three times running last week, and Jack cut off all Jill's curls with his mother's nail scissors, in a vain endeavour to make her "shiny bald like grandpa."

Did the lady of the house take any notice? Not she. She called grand slam three times running in one afternoon and "brought it off," playing against Gold Vase, mark you, and her soul was far and away above material things.

Once upon a time I had a wife. Now a lady lives in our house who plays Contract Bridge. But I shall get even with her. I shall make her a golf widow all summer, and when winter comes I shall never be a bridge widower any more.

I am learning the game, privately myself.

One of Them

But the longer France and Britain delay in calling this bluff the sooner will it merge into reality—the reality of roads in Abyssinia and well-stocked armories in Italy.

Opportunities to discuss these problems will shortly occur, since (1) the position of Abyssinia at Geneva cannot remain in suspense for long; (2) unofficial talks to settle the Jibuti-Addis Ababa railway have already begun and the Italians are insisting that they must become official inter-Governmental negotiations.

France will never cede the French railway to Italy since this would endanger Jibuti—sole naval base between France and her Indo-Chinese Empire.

The French authorities concerned hold that the only settlement possible is one based on the 1906 Tripartite Agreement which should be brought within the League framework. This agreement determines the British, Italian and French spheres of influence and protects the French railway's existence.

It accords to both Italy and Britain places on the railway's directorate, but Britain has never yet exercised her right of appointing a nominee. France hopes that Britain will take her place on the directorate.

This would aid in guaranteeing that the Abyssinian market would not be closed to international trade (the prospect opened by Italy's actual totalitarian methods of colonisation), and it would give Britain an Abyssinian vantage post to watch over her vast African interests.

French and British colonial experts, as observers with a legal status in Abyssinia, might benefit both Italians and Abyssinians.

In contrast to French and British colonial administrations, which ruling through local chiefs, enable primitive civilisation to evolve, Italy's totalitarian methods are eradicating the Abyssinian social structure. The contempt of conquerors inflicts a psychological wound with serious consequences on any people—witness the growth of Nazism after the indignity of the Versailles Diktat.

But injustice inflicts far deeper sufferings on primitive peoples than on the more sophisticated who can compensate themselves by what psychologists call "rationalisation" processes.

The Italians appropriate the land wherever they require it from peoples in whom the sense of property is well developed; they treat the natives as "poor black trash," and physical brutality is not uncommon.

Mustard gas bombs, blistering men and cattle, quell revolt.

The League owes it to Abyssinia, beaten in a war of unprovoked aggression by methods condemned throughout the world, to act while there is still time—in another two years it will be too late.

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"When's Your Birthday?"

Shute Senior And Junior Make A Brave Exit From Colony Tennis Championship

WIN FIRST SET FROM A CARELESS OPPOSITION

Hung And Fincher Never Touched Best Form

(By "Veritas")

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat E. L. H. Shute and K. Shute 6-8, 6-0, 6-1.

FOR one set in this men's doubles championship quarter-final match on the stand court yesterday, the Shute combination played with such commendable steadiness and enterprise that they had the eventual winners in rare difficulties. They deservedly won the set at 8-6 before Fincher and Hung started to play anything like the game expected of them.

Once started, however, they brooked no further interference. Ten games in succession fell to their rackets, and it was only a valiant solo effort by young Kenneth Shute on service which enabled the losers to avoid a second love-set defeat.

There was a sort of smugness about the early play of Fincher and Hung—in particular—which met its just reward. Indifference in stroke making and movement about the court will seldom contribute towards success, especially when it is attempted at the expense of two very keen players. The winners had to pull themselves together after that first set. Then they played more like the Fincher and Hung we have come to know.

HUNG'S SLOW START

Perhaps it is that Hung is invariably a slow starter, but in this match he certainly took a long time to get his feet under him. He had to make more than two successive strokes it was odds on that he would commit a blunder off the third. The Shute partnership soon discovered how to exploit this. They concentrated their best length lob on Hung, alternating these with dipping drives which landed at his feet, and the immediate result was a drop of points.

Neither was Fincher too happy in these earlier phases of the game, though of the two he was immeasurably superior. As the game developed so Fincher improved. In the second and final sets his overhead functioned to perfection, and no matter how high the Shutes tossed the ball, Fincher made his smashes to the corners.

Hung gathered confidence after the first set, but at no time did he display form sufficient to mark him as a possible Colony champion. His smashes apart from a few made on top of the net, were comparatively easy to pick up and though to some-

times found gaps down the middle of the court for a well placed volley, this stroke brought about more errors than points.

HONOURS TO KENNETH

Chief honours appropriately go to Kenneth Shute who played his finest game to date in Hongkong. Had his father peached a little less it might have been a closer result. Kenneth was in fine driving form and lobbed magnificently sending the opposition back to three-quarter court every time. His service was a pleasure to watch, the first delivery—a good fast one at that—usually being good.

Father Shute was at his best in the first set, when he forced errors from the opposition either with his speedy top-spin drives which dipped sharply and at an angle, or with admirably judged lobs. The point which gave him and his son the first set was just about as ideal a lob seen in Hongkong, the ball completely baffling Fincher and falling on the baseline.

Later Shute senior deteriorated and made less confident shots against a pair who were forcing matters. Also he displayed faulty judgment at times in going across the court to take shots which should have been left to Shute junior.

Though Fincher and Hung, playing better as the games were reeled off, won ten in a row, they had to play hard for the points and several of the games went to deuce. In the fifth game of the final set, Kenneth Shute made a supreme effort to stem the tide and with a series of excellent service deliveries, followed by volleys and smashes, succeeded in his quest. It was a dazzling effort for a player of such tender years.

But there success stopped. Fincher and Hung sailed rally to their points in the next two games and entered the semi-final.

KWOK IN SEMI-FINAL

Frank Kwok toyed with Y. C. Lau to enter the semi-final of the singles championship. He won 6-3, 0-0, and was never extended. Kwok meets either H. D. Rumjahn or Leong Ping-chiu in the next round. I think he is bound to lose to Rumjahn, but if Leong is his opponent, he will have a reasonable chance of winning.

A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva found it necessary to concede a walk-over to Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fun in the third round of the men's doubles. Rodrigues injured his hand recently in a hockey match and yesterday discovered the ball was out of play and that it could not use a racket.

Diamonds For Tennis!

New Lawn Tennis Association colours for Davis and Wightman Cup matches.

Diamonds for women! They will be presented with a jewelled arrow brooch, with the initials "G.B. v. U.S.A." in diamonds.

New awards to Davis Cup players include a blazer and tie. C. E. Harro and F. H. D. Wilde have received recognition—a British blazer and badge, and an England badge.

L.T.A. have made a £200 grant to the Public Schools Association for coaching this season; also £150 to the Cambridgeshire Association to institute a coaching scheme at Cambridge college clubs.

THE U.S. HAVE BIG DAVIS CUP AMBITIONS

(By Henry Super)

United Press Staff Correspondent

New York. Holcombe Ward, new president of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, sat in the office of his woollen business and said:

1. Winning the Davis Cup is not important to development of tennis.

2. It is not alarming that the professional promoters are successfully raiding the amateur ranks.

3. The competition for the Davis Cup this year should be a three-way battle among the United States, Australia and Germany.

Ward, who played on the first American Davis Cup team in 1900, has two ambitions in his new job. For years he refused to head the tennis association. He felt that because of his business interests he could not do justice to the task. Now, that he finally is president, he has two major ambitions.

"The first," he said, "is to develop tennis throughout the country—to interest smaller clubs in joining the U.S.L.T.A. We are devoting considerable time and thought to this because we feel if the smaller clubs get into the organization it will help to spread the sport. The second is to develop young players. We want to bring out a lot of boys who consider tennis a real amateur sport and play it because they like it."

With regard to the women's singles, Ward would be "awfully surprised if Frau Sperling does not win the title. In spite of Miss A. Marble, Miss H. Jacobs, Miss Round, Mme. Mathieu, Miss Wray, and Miss. Jedrejewska." Here, I think, the Frenchwoman is on sounder ground. Yet Frau Sperling, magnificent player as she is, has always failed when the supreme test came at Wimbledon; it is not one of her lucky grounds, and counts, psychologically, for a great deal more than most people allow.

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Discussing professionalism, Ward said: "In one way, it has a beneficial effect. The game suffers when two or three players remain at the top year after year. Many promising youngsters become discouraged. With the champions seeking professional fields, however, new faces break into the amateur picture and the result is a healthy one."

About the 1937 Davis Cup: "Having lost Fred Perry, England probably will part company with the cup. It looks like a tossup among this country, Australia, and Germany. We should have a better team than we had last year as the result of additional experience. Like England, however, we must find a capable No. 2 singles player. Don Budge shapes up as our big hope. After that it's hard to discriminate among Gene Mako, Bobby Riggs, Joe Hunt, Frank Parker and Bryan Grant."

MERLIN ON WIMBLEDON PROSPECTS

ONLY TWO WITH ANY CHANCE OF WINNING

(By A Lawn Tennis Correspondent)

It is refreshing occasionally to get an outside view on the merits and demerits of the principal players of the day. Commenting on an article of mine on "The Coronation Wimbledon," in *The Observer* a fortnight ago, Andre Merlin, the young French player who made such a gallant effort to save the Davis Cup for his country when Great Britain won it four years ago, has a very definite point of view of his own, which he embodies in a long and interesting letter.

In my article I had written that I considered the forthcoming championship singles at Wimbledon, both men's and women's, to be far more "open" than they had been for many years past. The disappearance of Perry from the field has done away altogether with that feeling, almost of hopelessness, that must have been experienced by most even of the best players during the last year or two; and with an entry comprising D. Budge, S. B. Wood, B. M. Grant, and perhaps F. Parker from the U.S.A., J. H. Crawford, A. K. Quist, V. B. McGrath, and J. Bromwich from Australia, N. Farguherson (one of Perry's conquerors) from South Africa, J. Yamagishi from Japan, our own Austin, and a crowd of Continental players, comprising G. von Cramm and H. Henkel of Germany, B. Destremau, and perhaps the great Borotra himself from France, R. Menzel, perhaps, K. Schroeder, and others, it is hard to see how to pick the ultimate winner from so strong, varied, and even a field would be quite impossible.

Merlin, however, is far more selective. He is surprised that the future champions were not pointed out with more precision, and writes "My opinion is that there are but two tennis men having a chance of success. G. von Cramm and D. Budge, and even then Budge seems to have a much better chance; he beat Perry twice last year, and the nice German is supposed to have been several years. Any other result than Budge's or perhaps von Cramm's victory would certainly be the consequence of illness or injury. I agree with the names of Quist and Austin as probable semi-finalists; though they can be threatened by Menzel, Borotra (if, as is hoped here, he plays in the singles for the fourth time), G. Grant, J. Bromwich, and perhaps the most dangerous, my twenty-year-old fellow, B. Destremau. But none of them has in my view, the slightest chance against Budge and von Cramm."

The opinion of so fine a player as Andre Merlin must carry weight; but at the same time it may be pointed out that Budge has already been beaten twice this year by Grant, at Miami and Tampa, and that Grant has been beaten this year by Parker, at New Orleans. Von Cramm has played little at present this year, but on his last summer form last year he is evidently not invincible. I still, in fact, consider this men's championship to be an extremely open event.

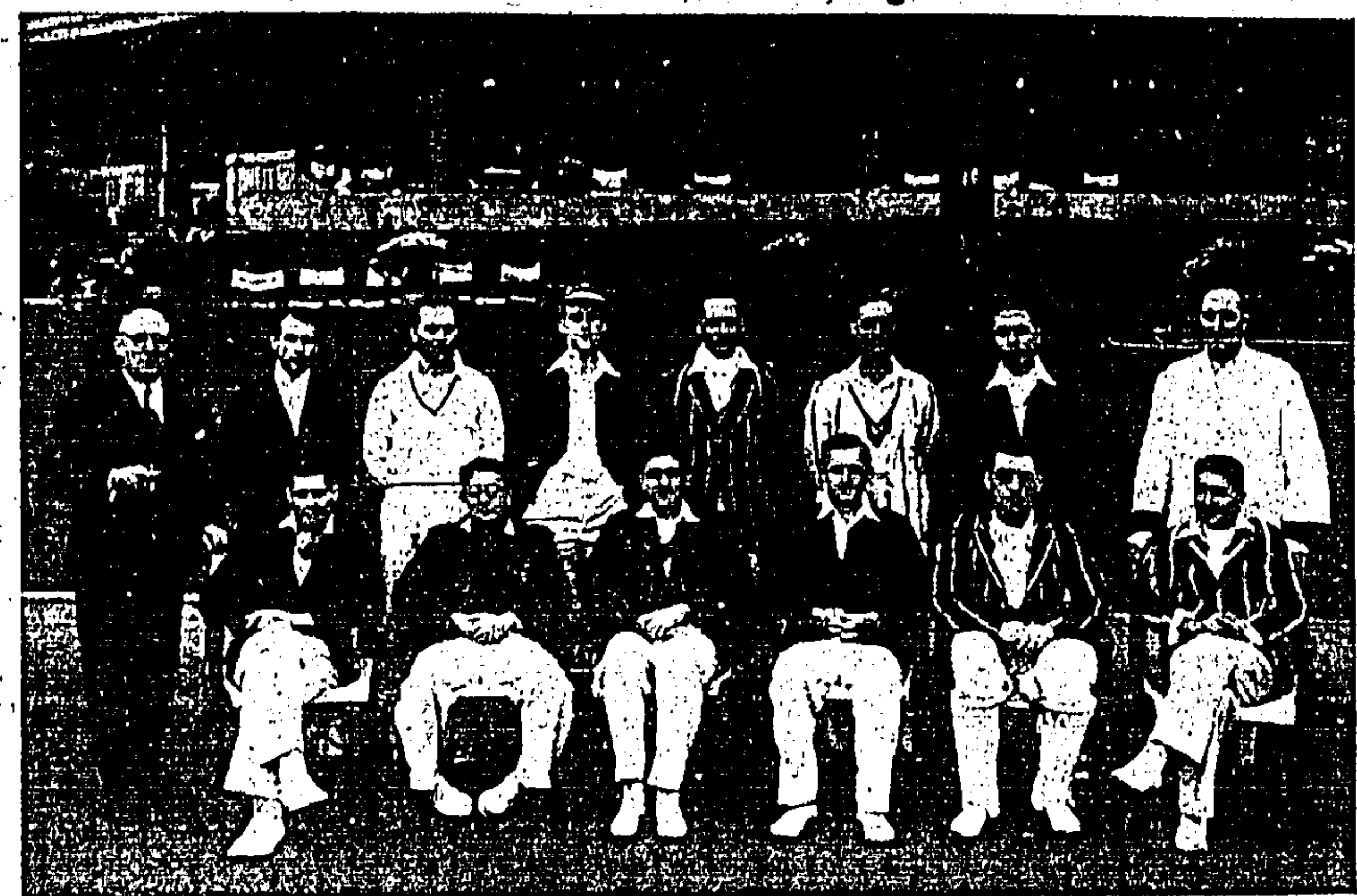
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Davis Cup Matches To Be Played At Forest Hills

New York. The first Davis Cup matches in five years will be played on Forest Hills historic courts this spring when the North American zone finals, expected to be Australia versus United States, are held at West Side Tennis Club May 29-30-31.

In announcing the site, Chairman Walter L. Pate of the committee on management, said the selection had been made at the request of the Australian team departing from Sydney March 18.



JUNIOR CRICKET CHAMPIONS. Here is the Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven which won the junior cricket league this year. Standing (left to right), R. P. Phillips (scorer), F. Zimmern, R. Baldwin, K. M. Baxter, C. A. V. Hall, C. B. R. Sargent, R. T. Broadbridge and T. Carr. Sitting: S. A. Gray, W. C. Hung, A. A. Dand (Captain), W. Mulcahy (Sub-Captain), W. L. McKenzie and T. A. Madar. (Photo: Mee Chung)

Colony Tennis Championships

RUMJAHN MUST HUSTLE LEONG PING-CHIU TO WIN TO-DAY

Youth Versus Experience Doubles Match

(By "Veritas")

H. D. Rumjahn, who is expected to reach the final of the Colony singles tennis championship, will have an opportunity this afternoon of revealing precisely what is his current form when he meets Leong Ping-chiu, conqueror of Lee Wai-tong, on the stand court.

This is a quarter-final engagement and considerable interest is vested in it.

Leong has oft proved himself to be one of the finest defensive players in the Colony, the real strength of his defence lying in the fact that when opportunity arises he can also attack and score outright points.

But with all his qualities as a baseline player and as one mature in the more subtle tactics of the game, I do not think he will prevent Rumjahn from winning in straight sets. Leong is only thoroughly dangerous when he is given plenty of time in which to make his shots. While he can be deliberate in his placements he is a threat to the best of players. But if Rumjahn hustles him, as undoubtedly he will try to do, then I imagine we shall see Leong's resistance break down very much more quickly.

Tennis craft will play an important part in this match which should be highly interesting.

DOUBLES ATTRACTION

For those who prefer to watch doubles instead of singles, a match is being put into the No. 9 court which promises to provide rich entertainment.

Ng Sze-kwong, one time Czar of all the tennis players in Hongkong, partnered by another famous "old-timer," Hon Luen-fung, is matched against A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, leading Club de Recreo players.

This is a test of Youth v. Experience and I certainly don't feel inclined to make categorical statements.

ments on the likely outcome of the match. Gosano and Remedios are said to be playing better now than ever before, but it has been noticeable that they are apt to fall below form in the crucial tests. Most certainly they cannot afford to concede anything in this match. Ng and Hon will most likely attack their overhead. Gosano can be very weak in his smashing as he was for a set and a half against Liang and Kwok. Remedios is the more capable of the two, and it will not pay the opposition to feed his volley.

The full programme for this afternoon, follows:

OPEN SINGLES
H.D. Rumjahn v. Leong Ping-chiu (Stand Court)
OPEN DOUBLES
A.V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fung
CLUB SINGLES
J. Thomson v. A. L. Sullivan
G. W. Sewell v. W. M. Barton
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
M. Pagh v. G. Smith
H. Owen-Hughes v. A. K. MacKenzie

Wong Mee-shun Suspended For Nine Months

Following the Football Emergency Committee Meeting last night, Wong Mee-shun, of South China, was suspended till December 31.

Other suspensions were—Kwok Ying-sang (S. China) W. Maher (Recreo) until the end of the season, and P. Castro (St. Joseph's) until December 1, 1937.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Fusiliers Defeat Team From Tamar

In a United Hockey Tournament match at the Navy Ground, King's Park, yesterday afternoon, a team from the Royal Welch Fusiliers beat H.M.S. Tamar by three goals to one. Play was scrappy and uninteresting. Fus. Conner (2), and L/Cpl. Bruton scored for the soldiers, and Sgm. Tozer for the Tamar.

AN EPIC BOAT RACE

London Beat Thames in Record Time

(By C. Venables)

The Grand crews of London Rowing Club and Thames Rowing Club had one of the finest races ever seen on the tidalway when, in place of the annual Head of the River championship, they raced from Mortlake to Putney. London won by 3/4 length, and made a new record of 18min. 12sec. for the course on the ebb tide. The old one of 18min. 27sec. was made in 1897 by Harcourt Gold's Oxford crew. Conditions were nearly ideal.

London chose the Surrey station, and both struck 38 in the first minute and Thames, with the bend slightly on their favour, went all out to gain the lead before Barnes Bridge. In the second minute Thames were going 36 and London 35, and at Barnes Bridge Thames were 3 feet ahead.

On the long bend to Hammersmith London should have gained appreciably, but their coxswain allowed Thames to push him close to the Surrey bank and lose some of the tide, so that at the Stork London were a bare half a length up. Thames then spurred and crept up the inch by inch, so that at Harrods they were dead level again, both crews rowing 32.

Thames tackled the head wind at this point rather better than London, and at the Mile Post they were a canvas ahead, and in another hundred yards they had increased their advantage to about half a length. Then came London's second spurt to 36, and at the lower end of the football ground they were level, with a little more than half a mile to the finish. Thames answered at 35, but opposite the Boat Houses London were a canvas up. In the last minute Thames made a huge effort, rowing 40 strokes, but London at 38 were still gaining slowly, and they reached Putney Bridge about three-quarters of a length ahead.

London R.C.—O. L. R. Hills (bow), D. R. Jardine, J. Plinches, A. D. Phelps, M. P. Lee, A. D. Fraser, T. R. M. Bristol, E. S. Beasley (stroke), H. D. Winkworth (cox).

Thames R.C.—R. R. Bradley (bow), H. M. Young, R. T. Cowper, J. A. Maclean, A. J. Hutson-Squire, A. P. Brown, J. Burroughs, H. E. G. Watts (stroke), J. G. Dearlove (cox).

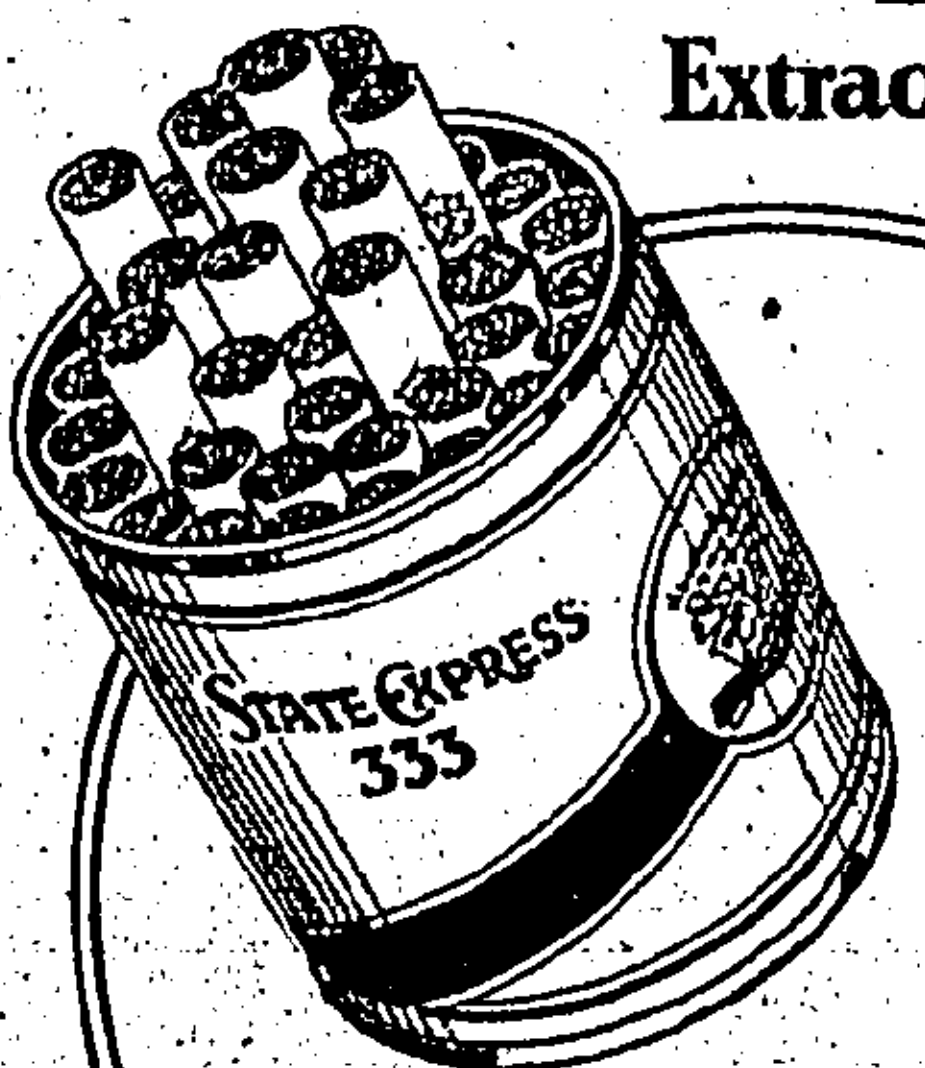
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LOCAL RUGBY

SERVICES SHOW THEIR MIGHT

Singapore Army Again Lose

The Singapore Army XV had a further heavy defeat when they met the Combined Services XV of Hongkong on the Sookpoo ground yesterday evening and lost by 41 points to nil.

If anything, the visitors gave a weaker display than they did against the Club on Sunday, or perhaps it was the brilliant play of the home team which showed up their deficiencies. It is only fair to say that Hongkong fielded an extraordinarily able side, while Singapore had only the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery from which to pick their men.

The acquisition of Lieut. Harvey, L/Sgt. Asquith, S.B.A. Jones and others from the Royal Navy made a capable local side even stronger than it naturally was with Preece, Floyd and Lieut. Lincoln, well-known Army players.

The visitors had too little reserve to make alterations in the team that played the Club; and weakness in defence was again outstanding. The first three lines of the Hongkong side was one of the best seen in action this season, aided by Preece and Floyd in their accustomed positions of scrum and fly half respectively, and backed by a hardworking and tenacious pack.

BRILLIANT RUNNING

The game was a succession of brilliant runs by the above-mentioned players, and poor place kicking by Capt. Gillespie.

Sapper Evans, back for the visitors, was as consistent as a man could be under sustained pressure, and Lieut. Crawford—too slow to be an asset in attack—and Sapper Burgess did more than their share of the defence. Sappers Stiff and Hicks put in a lot of work, as did most of the pack, though, early on, it was obvious that it was only a question of the margin of defeat.

At half time the score was 17-0. The full-time scores were 41 (four goals, seven tries) to nil. The scorers were: Asquith (4 tries), Preece (2 tries), Harvey (2 tries), Jones (1 try), Lincoln (1 try), Floyd (1 try). The kicks were taken by Gillespie (5, converted 2), Jones (converted one), Preece (converted one) and Floyd (failed two).

The teams were:
Singapore Army XV.—Spr. Evans, R.E., L. Crawford, R.E., L. Tobin, R.E., Spr. Hollands, R.E., Spr. Burgess, R.E., L. Randall, R.A., Gnr. Jeffries, R.A., L. Calvert, R.A., Spr. Hicks, R.E., Gnr. Barnaby, R.A., L. Clarke, R.E., Gnr. Coventry, R.A., Gnr. Miller, R.A., L/B. Cheshire, R.A., Spr. Stiff, R.E.

Combined Services XV.—Fus. Barry, R.W.F., Fus. Wilkins, R.W.F., L. Harvey, H.M.S. Odin, L/S. Asquith, H.M.S. Dandy, L/S. Jones, R.W.F., Fus. Preece, R.W.F., Fus. Floyd, R.W.F., L. Lincoln, R.U.F. S.B.A. Jones, H.M.S. Adventure, L/C. Bebb, R.W.F., L. Collett, H.M.S. Proteus, Capt. Gillespie, R.E., L. Hawkins, H.M.S. Oswald, L/C. Harrison, R.E., L. Casement, H.M.S. Capetown.

Next Year's Jubilee Of L.T.A.

GRANTS TO SCHOOLS AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The Lawn Tennis Association, having been founded in 1888, completes fifty years of its existence next year and application will be made to the International Federation for the official recognition of the Hard Court Championships of Great Britain to be held in 1938. This was the decision of the Council of the L.T.A. at their March meeting.

Among the other matters decided on were a grant of £200 to the newly-affiliated Public Schools Lawn Tennis Association, for the purpose of coaching in 1937, and a special grant of £150 to the Cambridgeshire L.T.A. for a scheme of coaching at the affiliated Cambridge College clubs.

A presentation of a clock was made to Sir Herbert Wilberforce on his retirement from the chairmanship of the Committee of Management of the Championships in recognition of his eminent services to the game over a long period of years. The match between Great Britain and Belgium will be played at Le Zoute on August 11 and 12.

Messrs. R. J. McNair and H. H. Monckton were appointed to represent

Great Britain at the annual general meeting of the Davis Cup Council, to be held in London on July 20.

Awards of Colours were made to C. E. Hare (British Blazer and Badge and England Badge), and F. H. D. Wilde (British Blazer and Badge and England Badge).

A special committee is being set up with full powers to classify professionals already on the Register and all fresh applicants. Tests of coaching and/or playing ability to be arranged as and when required. Professionals will be co-opted on the committee in an advisory capacity.

The centres for the Inter-County Championships on Grass, July 19-23, 1937, were allocated as follows: Group 1.—Men—Eastbourne; Women—Folkestone. Group 2.—Men—Scarborough; Women—Angmering-on-Sea. Group 3.—Men—Tenby; Women—Felixstowe. Group 4.—Men—Southdown, near Bognor; Women—Bournemouth. Group 5.—Men—Falmouth; Women—Pebbles. Group 6.—Men—Rossa-on-Wye; Women—Vale of Clwyd, Denbigh. Group 7.—Men—Cirencester; Women—Pwllheli.



DON'T WORRY, MRS. BRADDOCK—James J. Braddock, champion heavyweight boxer, isn't going to back up Mrs. Braddock, though the picture might convey that idea. He's merely showing the cameraman what he intends to use on Joe Louis in Chicago, on June 22. The champion and Mrs. Braddock are shown arriving in Miami, Fla., where Jim started training for the Louis bout.

MAKING ENDEAVOUR II READY FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP RACE

IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS ARE EFFECTED BY OWNER

Gosport, England.

Endeavour II, the America's Cup challenger, is now in dry dock here where final preparations are being made for her Atlantic crossing in May. She will sail to Newport, R.I., where further refittings will be made prior to her race against America's best in September.

She was built last year for Thomas Sopwith, millionaire airplane manufacturer, and went through extensive trials at a number of regattas around the British coast last summer. As Endeavour II, Charles E. Nicholson is the designer, but a number of Mr. Sopwith's ideas of air currents and streamline were embodied in her structure.

Aside from preparing the boat for the race, a number of alterations must be made to equip her for the ocean voyage. As the Endeavour is flush-decked without bulwarks, she must be fitted with stanchions carrying steel wire life-lines as a hand rail during her trip. On deck, stout tank hatches have been built to cover the yacht's original structures and protect them against the violence of Atlantic storms.

A steel mast is being built in two

pieces, the lower half of which will serve as the main mast when she crosses the Atlantic. When the American waters are reached the top mast will be fitted into the lower section and it will be kept as a spare in case of accident to the racing mast.

All this additional equipment will be removed when the boat reaches Newport and she will then be fitted with her racing gear.

Several sets of sails are now being made in the old sail loft where sails were made for Nelson's flagship, H.M.S. Victory, nearly 135 years ago. Sails for America's cup defenders have come from the same small town since 1930. The sails are being made from models which have been scientifically tested in wind tunnels to find which combination of cuts would give the maximum speed under various conditions.

The mainsail is made of 120 pieces of cloth which take four months to prepare. The sections are set out "to-air" in an even temperature so that they will be well seasoned to the same climate conditions, after which they are sewn together by hand.

168 FT. RACING MAST

The racing mast will be a one-piece steel shaft of about 168 feet in length. This spar will be carried across the Atlantic in Mr. Sopwith's new 1,412-ton motor yacht, the Philante.

It is expected that the painting, polishing and other preparations will be completed by April 15 when she will be re-launched. The overall length of Endeavour II is 132 feet, her length at the waterline 87 feet and her extreme beam about 22½ feet.—United Press.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 24th April, 1937, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 15th April, 1937.

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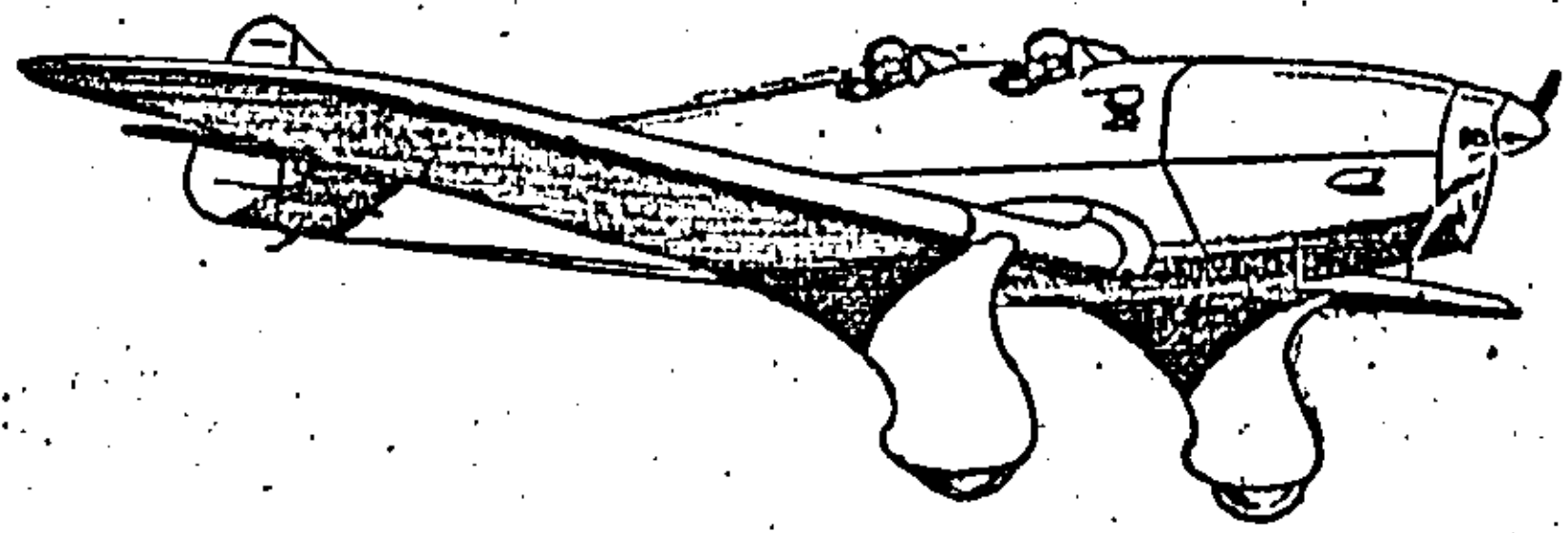
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Fixed Price For Gold Not Maintained

Chamberlain Explains British Policy

Satisfied With Tri-Party Pact

London, April 13. In the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to questions, stated that it was not at present part of the Government's policy to maintain a fixed price for gold in terms of sterling. He added that the price of gold was one of the factors to be taken into account in determining monetary policy from time to time. Mr. Chamberlain further stated that the Government was fully alive to the undesirability of interfering with the flow of business towards recovery. Chamberlain said he was satisfied with the working of the tripartite monetary agreement. The purpose of that agreement was to maintain the greatest possible equilibrium in the system of international exchanges, avoiding to the fullest extent, any disturbance of that system by monetary action on the part of any of the Governments concerned. He added that the agreement did not refer expressly to the gold value of the several currencies.

DETAILED REPLY

London, Apr. 13. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked two questions in the House of Commons by Mr. Boothby (Conservative), who has been associated at various times with the advocacy of "planning and managed money". He asked first for an assurance that the Government had no intention of taking action to check the rise in commodities by raising the price of sterling in terms of gold, in view of the deflationary effect it would have, and also whether the maintenance of cheap money remained the fundamental objective of Government policy. Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied that it was not at present part of the policy of the Government to maintain a fixed price for gold in terms of sterling, but the price of gold was, of course, one of the factors to be taken into account in determining their monetary policy from time to time. They were fully alive to the undesirability of interfering with the flow of business towards recovery. With regard to cheap money, he referred to the answer yesterday, in which the point was made that cheap money was not an object in itself but a means for securing improvement of trade activity and employment. While the Chancellor was satisfied that the policy actually followed had given a maximum stimulus to economic recovery, no statement could be made as to the future, since the measures to be taken at any time would depend on the course of events. Mr. Boothby's second question was about the tripartite currency agreement, and whether it precluded any alteration of the gold value of its currency by any of the three Governments, without prior consultation with the others. Mr. Chamberlain said he was satisfied with the working of the agreement and added that the purpose of the agreement was to maintain the greatest possible equilibrium in the system of international exchanges and to avoid, to the utmost extent, any disturbance of that system by monetary action on the part of any of the Governments concerned. There was no express reference to the gold value of the several currencies. These answers led to a supplementary question whether he was contemplating any negotiations with the United States and France for a wider and more permanent agreement. The Chancellor said he was not contemplating that at the present time, and, to another question, he explained that the last answer was not inconsistent with the expression of hope in the declaration of September 19 that it might be followed by further measures towards the lowering of restrictions of international trade.

SALE OF FLOWERS STREET COLLECTIONS FOR DESERVING CAUSE

One of the Colony's best-known and most valuable organisations for the relief of poverty and suffering amongst the poorest of the poor—the Society for the Protection of Children—is holding its annual street sale of flowers on Saturday next, April 17. The event is being organised by the Women's Auxiliary of the Society, and as this is one of the Society's main sources of income it is hoped that the public will show its appreciation of the social work which the Society is doing by liberally responding to the appeal for funds.

Last year, the Society dealt with 1,572 new cases, affecting the well-being of 3,087 children. Since its foundation, the Society has handled no fewer than 6,884 cases, involving 11,701 children. Of the cases dealt with last year, one thousand required medical attention.

Some idea of the poverty-level reached by those whom the Society helps may be gathered from the fact that last year the average income per head per month of the cases dealt with was as low as \$1.73. Every case handled is closely investigated before assistance is given, and the public can rest assured that the money it contributes is put to the best possible use.

CORONATION CONTINGENTS

London, Apr. 13. The King and Queen to-day paid a surprise visit to Hampton Court and inspected the camp for Colonial contingents attending the Coronation. Reuter Bulletin Service.

"FIGHTING MAC" DUE HERE SOON

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Commissioner W. McKenzie—"Fighting Mac" of the Gallipoli Campaign during the Great War—is arriving in Hongkong on May 11. The veteran Salvation Army leader is returning to the field of his later Missionary work by the steamer Taiping from Australia, where he recently retired after 50 years' active service with the "Army".

Commissioner McKenzie will proceed direct to Canton from here, returning to this Colony on May 14, when he will be welcomed at a meeting to be held in the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon. This meeting will be presided over by the Hon. Mr. R.A.C. North who, upon the departure of His Excellency the Governor this week, will become Colonial Secretary. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hall is expected to deliver an address.

The distinguished visitor will address the Rotary Club at its weekly tiffin on May 18, and, on the same date will attend the annual meeting at the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls, where His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, will preside. Commissioner McKenzie leaves Hongkong for North China by the Dollar liner President Lincoln May 19.

From 1927 to 1930 he was Leader of the Salvation Army movement in North China, this, with the exception of the Great War period, being his only break from Salvation Army work in Australia for 50 years.

During the Great War he became famous with thousands of "Diggers" as "Fighting Mac". He served in France, Egypt and Gallipoli as Military Chaplain with the Australian Infantry Forces, winning the Military Cross and later the Order of the British Empire.

SUGAR CONFERENCE

London, Apr. 13. The Bureau of the International Sugar Conference met this afternoon. An official communiqué states it took note of the progress made in the work of the sub-committee entrusted with negotiations with the delegations for the purpose of fixing a basis of agreement. These negotiations will continue for several days yet.—British Wireless.

LEAVING FOR MANILA

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Supplies Still Inadequate, Say Colony Experts

NEED FOR SECOND HUGE KOWLOON DAM STRESSED

Island's Vital Pipeline In Danger; \$3,185,000 Must Be Spent at Once

Unless water restrictions are again to become a permanent evil, an almost immediate expenditure of \$3,185,000 will be required on water works in the Colony. Government must also envisage the construction, at no distant date, of another huge reservoir in the New Territories. Jubilee Reservoir cost over \$7,000,000.

Despite completion of Jubilee Reservoir, the position in Hongkong has become so acute that it is officially described as "serious".

Although \$20,000,000 has been spent on new waterworks from 1920-1935, the safety margin between resources and requirements for a constant supply is very small.

By next year this safety margin will disappear, and it will become necessary to impose water restrictions as drastic as those in force before the completion of Jubilee Reservoir.

This startling information is contained in a Report on the Water Supply of Hongkong, tabled in Legislative Council this morning.

The report reveals that water consumption in Hongkong has more than doubled in the last decade, and estimates that the daily consumption in 1941 will treble the consumption of 1926.

In 1926, the daily average consumption was 10,500,000 gallons. Last year it was 20,300,000 gallons. In 1941, according to official estimates, it will be 28,000,000 gallons, and will increase annually thereafter at the rate of 1,800,000 gallons per day.

Consumption last summer, it is revealed, reached a record of 121.56 million gallons on the island, and 71.52 million gallons on the mainland. This abnormal increase, representing a daily gain over 1935 of 3.93 million gallons, equalled about four years' estimated increase, and taxed the filtering and distributing system of the Colony to its utmost.

Commenting on this increase, the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, states in the Report that unless extensions and enlargements are immediately faced, the Colony shall be in the position of having water but unable to deliver it.

The large increase in consumption last year is attributed by Mr. W. Woodward, who furnished the bulk of the Report, to:

- 1.—Early termination of the rainy season;
- 2.—Reduction in cost of excess water, and fact that the public appears to be under the impression that no further restrictions are necessary following completion of Jubilee Reservoir; and
- 3.—General tendency to use more water as a result of increasing knowledge of Western standards of Public Health and Hygiene.

MORE RESTRICTIONS SEEN

"The provision of further supplies must be put in hand as early as possible. If restrictions, in the event of low rainfall years, are to be avoided," Mr. Woodward declares, "From an economic point of view both the Island and Kowloon resources have now been fully developed. Any increase in requirements will require—

PIRATES FIRE ON H.K. CRAFT

Crew Locked Up As Launch Looted

Stopped by shots across its bow, a Hongkong steam launch was seized by pirates in the vicinity of Hole Island yesterday afternoon.

The launch was owned by Lam Hung-wah, who told a dramatic story of the coup when he returned to harbour in the early hours of this morning.

The pirates were in a Hoklo junk, near which the unsuspecting launch was passing when it was commanded to halt.

When the master of the launch refused to obey the shouted instructions several shots were fired at his vessel, some of them hitting the woodwork.

Five pirates, all armed with modern revolvers, then boarded the vessel. The coxswain and his crew were forced into the hold, where they were locked in.

UNDISTURBED BY BULLETS' WHINE



These mercenaries from Morocco are the coolest, and possibly the bravest, of the troops under the insurgent banner in Spain. Here, while their guns on the left engage an enemy only a few yards away, and the officer in the foreground watches the effect of their fire with his glasses, other members of the advance post relax: one to ponder, one to sleep and one to roll a cigar. If their comrades are hit they will man that stuttering gun behind the cactus.

GOVERNOR REVIEWS COLONY PROBLEMS IN VALEDICTORY SPEECH

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, attending his last meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, reviewed some of the major problems facing the Colony, in the course of a valedictory address.

In the course of his address His Excellency said:—"Honourable members.—This is, I am sad to say, the last occasion on which I shall have the privilege of addressing you from this chair. I therefore ask your forbearance for a short message of farewell before I declare this session adjourned."

KOWLOON BARRACKS TRAGEDY

Sergeant Found With Throat Slashed Worried Over His Daughter

Tragedy occurred at Whitfield Barracks in Kowloon yesterday. Sergeant W. P. Brown, of the Corps Military Police, is lying in the Public Mortuary.

He was found dead in his room at the barracks early yesterday morning, with a deep gash across his throat, almost from ear to ear.

Near the body, which was found by fellow-soldiers, was a blood-stained razor. There is every indication that the man took his own life.

Sergeant Brown had lately been very depressed and in a poor state of health, owing partly to the climate and partly to a recurrence of old war wounds. He was also worried by the fact that his daughter was recently invalided home.

Sergeant Brown, who lived at 32 Hankow Road, had been in Hongkong for 18 months and was very popular with those who knew him.

It is thought that an inquest will be unnecessary.

The widow and three children are leaving for home by the troopship Dorsetshire on Friday.

Overlapping In Public Health Work

Dr. A. R. Wellington's Critical Report

Complaints regarding overlapping between the Government Medical Department and the Urban Health Department are contained in a Report on the Public Health Organisation of Hongkong, made by Dr. A. R. Wellington, Director of Medical Services, and tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon.

"Small in area but of considerable importance politically and commercially, Hongkong is at the same time a fortress with a naval base and an air base and a commercial city with a large port. It is a Liverpool and a Bournemouth for South China."

The public health problems are chiefly those of a large commercial port which in other colonies would be successfully administered under a municipal form of government.

"But just as there is no room in Hongkong for a Municipal Government in addition to the Colonial Government, so there is no room for a Government Medical Department and an Urban Health Department working independently under different heads."

REBELS CLAIM GOVERNMENT DRIVE BROKEN

Madrid Troops Suffer Enormous Losses

BILBAO'S DEFENDERS NEAR END OF RESISTANCE

Salamanca, Apr. 13.

An Insurgent Army official communique to-day states that the Government forces have suffered disastrous losses on the Madrid front, the International Brigades, most reliable units of the defending army, having been badly smashed in recent fighting. The Government has been waging a furious offensive and yesterday claimed that 10,000 rebels in the University City had surrendered.

The Insurgent communique relates that the Government forces attacked strongly after a heavy artillery bombardment, and were supported by Russian tanks. However, the Insurgents' accurate machine-gun fire eventually forced them to retreat in disorder, and six tanks were captured. Two tanks were destroyed by anti-tank guns.

The fleeing Loyalists were machine-gunned, inexplicably, by Government planes, as well as rebel fliers.

ONTARIO TO FIGHT RADICALS

Hepburn Challenges Communist Element Demands Cabinet's Solid Support

Oshawa, Apr. 13.

The strike in the General Motors Corporation plants in Canada has forced the company to turn over rush export orders to the United States factories with which it is affiliated.

Mr. Henry Carmichael, vice-president of the General Motors Corporation in Canada has made public a telegram sent to the Corporation's offices in England, expressing regret that he could give no definite information as to when the strike would be settled. He added that any orders immediately required would have to be obtained from the United States plants.

Meanwhile, the belligerent Ontario Premier, Mr. Mitchell Hepburn, has asked his Cabinet at Toronto to support his policy of opposition to the American-born Committee of Industrial Organisation "or resign."

The C.I.O. it was which caused the costly strikes in the automobile industry in the United States, which have only just been concluded.

Demanding the united support of his Cabinet, Mr. Hepburn declared the forces of Mr. John Lewis, C.I.O. chief, and Communism, were marching together. "We are going to hold back the spread of Communism in this province as long as I am here," he declared. He added that he had arranged for the augmentation of emergency police squads in Toronto, Communism's "capital" in Canada.

A shortage of food is believed to be bringing about the collapse of Basque resistance before Bilbao.

Rumours of negotiations for the surrender of Bilbao, though denied in that port, have been current for some time. It is considered significant that the Insurgents have ceased their hammer-blows on the beleaguered Basque line.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

MINEFIELD MENACE

London, Apr. 13.

Following an intimation by General Francisco Franco, the Board of Trade announced to-day that insurgent warships were mining intensively the area between Sagunto and Cape Faleo, in the Mediterranean, and between Cape Vido and Cape Malhachco in the Bay of Biscay.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENT DETAINED

London, Apr. 13.

The Foreign Secretary was questioned in the House of Commons to-day about the detention in Malaga by the Spanish Insurgents of Mr. Arthur Koessler, representative there of a London newspaper.

Mr. Eden explained that Mr. Koessler was not a British subject, but as he was a correspondent of an English newspaper, the Insurgent authorities had been informed unofficially that His Majesty's Government was concerned for his welfare and would be glad of information concerning his position.

In another answer Mr. Eden stated the Foreign Office was in communication with both the Spanish Government and Insurgent authorities in respect of British subjects serving on either side in the Civil War and taken prisoner.—British Wireless.

REFUSE TO SURRENDER

Madrid, Apr. 14.

Following word of the Loyalists' recent victories on the Guadalupe front, it is learned to-day that the Government troops are now camped at Ledena, after a four-mile advance. General Miaja has ordered his artillery to mercilessly annihilate the 10,000 rebels in University City, as it is reported the rebels there rejected the Government's ultimatum, which demanded their surrender.—United Press.

BLOW TO A.F.L.

New Kensington, Penn., Apr. 13.

Delegates from the country's ten principal aluminum plants, representing 12,000 workers, have severed their affiliations with the American Federation of Labour and formed a new union, affiliated with the Committee of Industrial Organisation.—Reuter.

Mounted Police were at hand.—Reuter.

New afternoon dresses have too many frilly bits

—but you'll like their silhouette

ZOE FARMAR
& ROBB SEND
THEIR FOURTH
REPORT ON THE
PARIS SPRING
DRESS SHOWS

THE more dressy day clothes (that from habit we go on calling "afternoon," although in practice we do not buy them for a special time, but for a certain type, of day—when we want to look up to an occasion) are mainly messy, over-trimmed.

To soften this brutal comment I'll admit there are still some designers of important repute who have not yet shown their collections—so there is still hope.

But meantime I can only tell you of what I've seen—about eight famed collections—and all, when they get away from the main tailored day-time line, let the trend towards embroidery, stitching, and fancy borders litter up and obscure the main outline of the dress.

Feminine Fripperies

HERE are some examples of the sort of thing I mean, which I do not believe you will like any more than I do.

Bead embroidery, baskets of flowers, old world and all that, covering (in more than one dress) the front of a bodice; flamboyant bouquets worked above a pocket that is made of a composition stuff intended to look like real basket-work.

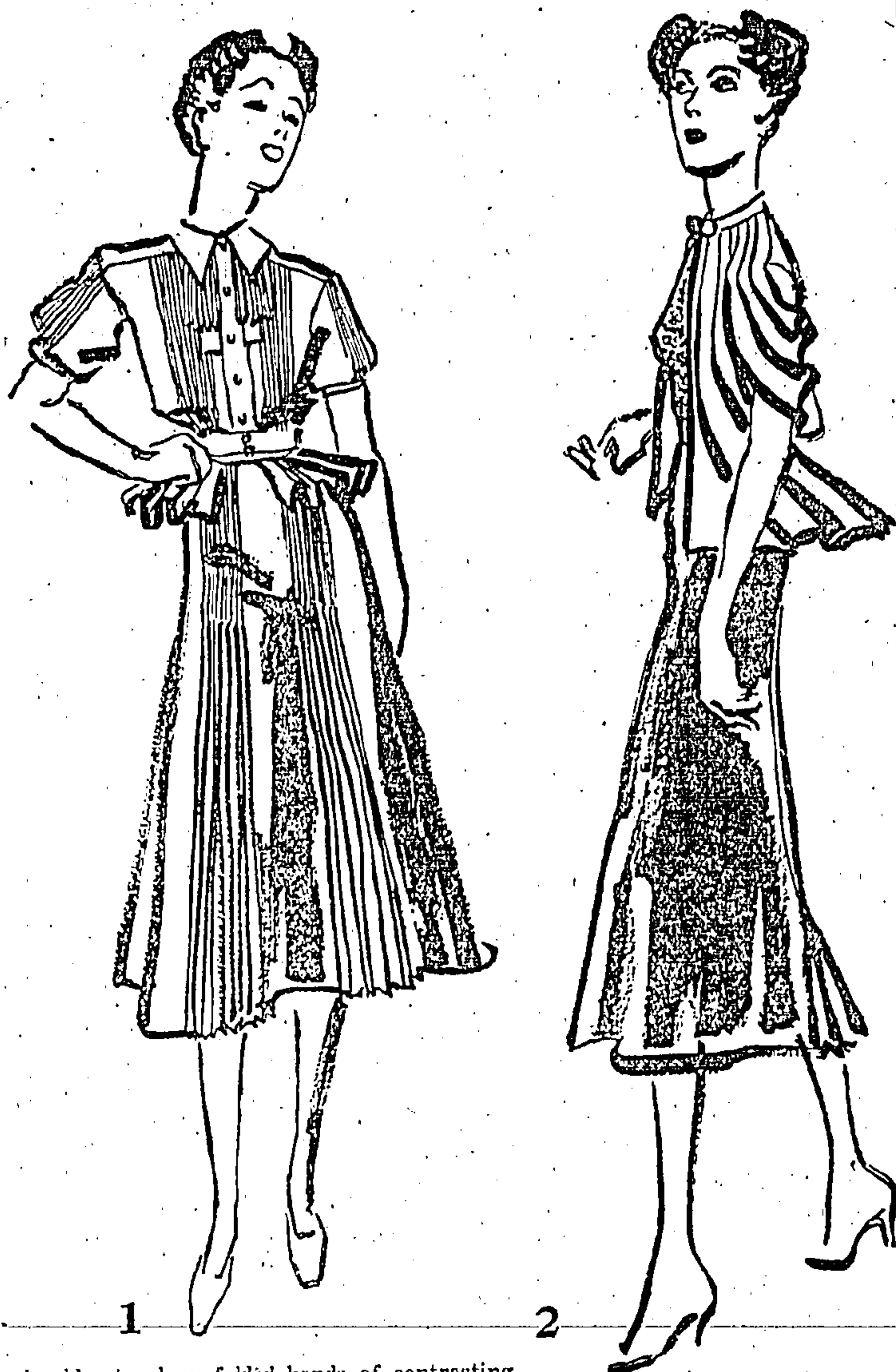
Flower cut-outs stitched one by one (at least this fashion must make for overtime in the workrooms) on to a dress that is already buzzing with intricacies.

Fancy borders, to hem-lines and sleeves; bands of embroidered net edging silk dresses; scollored outlines of lacquered piping; bands of different colours but in the same fabric; trellisings of piping.

Once admitting then that the main trend in the more dressed-up day clothes is hardly likely to be taken up by the many of us, we can pick around for the more restrained, less typical, but at least wearable details.

Sleeveless jackets with close fitting arm-holes and cut so that, while close on the shoulders, the jacket springs out back and front, to high waist length, will be useful in late spring. Some are in fur, others hand-tufted wool (widely meshed, between the tufts; here's a craft I'll have to teach you), or silk.

Draped sleeve lines—especially for short ones. Neat new sleeve that parts on the



shoulder to show folded bands of contrasting colour between front and back of bodice.

Freak Patterned Silks

STUFFS: Wool and cotton lace used in good strong colours; stout alpaca for dressy overcoats; the usual summer floral silks, but this time in more vivid and smaller flowerings; a new so far unnamed weave of silk that is coarse, rather like linen, dull glazed; to-be-expected freak patterned silks; coils of bright yellow rope on black; tiny prancing white stags on blue; in fact, all kinds of animals, vegetables (including radishes), street scenes, and churches (quite a spate of tourist pictures).

Consoling comment: As most of us are more concerned with all-day clothes, it doesn't much matter that the more formal frivolities are disappointing in design. The silhouette is becoming, the materials good. We can forget the trimmings.

1 Silk frock, cornflower blue. DETAIL: Pleating in four panels, two back and two front, also one band on each sleeve. Pleats sewn to below hip. Tongues of pleating also hang from below severe collar. Plain tailored buttons. On each hip, folds looking like (but not) pocket flaps.

2 Afternoon suit of cinnamon corded silk. JACKET: Draped, short sleeves, folds down front of jacket, stitched to waist, then stiff backward flare. DRESS: Quite plain cut. Bodice embroidered white cotton (coarse, like wool) on chest and round neck. Folds on jacket repeated back of skirt hem.

SOMETHING Sweet for Supper

By "HOUSEWIFE"

SUNDAY supper is sure to see all the family at home, and you will want to give them something rather special for a sweet, I know.

You won't want to bother with anything too elaborate after cooking the mid-day dinner, so it can be something which is quickly prepared, or else a cold sweet you have made the day before, like a special trifle or fruit cream.

Here are last week's winning cake recipes:—

JOHN O' CROATS CAKE

THIS cake is made in two separate portions. For the bottom layer: 3 oz. self-raising flour, pinch salt, 2 oz. sugar, 3 oz. butter. Cream sugar and butter, add flour and salt. Mould it to fit a tin 7 in. in diameter. Spread a layer of jam over.

Now take 3 oz. rolled oats, 3 oz. butter and 3 oz. sugar. Rub butter into the oats with the finger tips, mix in the sugar and place this on top of the jam. Bake in a slow oven one hour.

CINNAMON COOKIES

INGREDIENTS: 1 breakfastcupful flour, 3 oz. butter, 2 oz. sugar, 1 egg, ½ teaspoonful bicarbonate of soda, 1 level teaspoonful powdered cinnamon, ½ teaspoonful sour milk.

Dissolve the soda in the sour milk. Beat the sugar and butter to a cream, add the beaten egg and flour alternately. Lastly add the cinnamon and soda dissolved in the milk. Place on a floured board and roll out thinly, cut into rounds. Put on a greased tin and bake for 15 minutes in a hot oven. Sprinkle with castor sugar before serving.

BOODLES CAKE, FROM KENT

INGREDIENTS: 10 oz. flour, 10 oz. butter, ½ lb. sugar, 5 eggs, 2 oz. Raisley flour, pinch of salt. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs, well beaten, gradually, add flour and salt, mix well together. Bake in a moderate oven for 2 hours.

CHOCOLATE ICING.—Bring to boil 2 dessertspoonfuls water and 2 oz. grated chocolate. Stir in 4 oz. icing sugar. Allow cake to cool, cover with chocolate icing, make a nest of coconut browned in oven. Drop in a few small birds' eggs, decorate the top of cake with 2 or 3 small chicks. A delightful and nourishing cake for the children. Will keep moist if kept in tin for 1 month.

ECONOMY CAKE

PUT into a saucepan 1 cupful brown sugar, 1 cupful water, 1 cupful stoned raisins, dates or currants, 1/3 cupful lard, dripping or margarine, few nutmeg gratings, 1 teaspoonful cinnamon, ½ teaspoonful allspice, pinch of salt.

Boil together for 3 minutes, when cold add 1 teaspoonful carbonate of soda, dissolved in warm water, ½ teaspoonful baking powder, sifted in 2 cups of flour. Bake in moderate oven.

EASTER LILY CAKE

INGREDIENTS: 6 oz. butter, ½ lb. self-raising flour, 6 oz. castor sugar, 1 oz. ground almonds, 2 oz. candied orange peel, ¼ lb. glace cherries cut in halves, ¼ lb. sultanas, 3 eggs.

Cream butter and sugar together, well beat the eggs and add, then all flour and all fruit and ground almonds. Bake in moderate oven about 1½ hour. When cold put a layer of almond paste on top and ice all over with yellow icing made with yolk of egg instead of whites. Decorate with blanched almonds halved and stuck in to look like petals of a lily, with pieces of angelica for centre of flowers and leaves. This is a very spring-like looking cake and nice eating.



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JAPAN REGRETS ILL-TREATMENT OF BRITONS

Old Keelung Incident Finally Settled

OFFENDING POLICEMEN GET WARNING AND REPRIMAND

London, April 13.
Japan has expressed her regret for the "Keelung incident."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Japanese Government had at last responded to the British representations concerning the Keelung affair, in which British sailors were tortured by Japanese policemen and a British naval officer grossly insulted.

Replying to Lieut.-Commander Reginald Fletcher, Mr. Eden said that in accordance with an arrangement reached between the Japanese Government and the British Ambassador at Tokyo, the Director-General of the Formosa Government had addressed a letter to the British Consul at Keelung, regretting that such an unpleasant incident should have occurred and stating that appropriate steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence. The Director-General invited the co-operation of the British authorities to that end.

The letter continued that the Governor of Formosa had reprimanded the policemen concerned for improper conduct and for laying hands on a sailor under examination, and for using improper language to a British officer. This breach, it was explained, was doubtless due to the Japanese policemen's limited knowledge of the English language. The man who spoke so insultingly to the British officer had been cautioned to be more careful in future.

INCIDENT CLOSED
The letter concluded with the expression of the hope that the incident might be regarded as closed.

The British Consul had acknowledged the letter, and it was agreed that the incident should be regarded as closed.

The British Consul had assured the Government of Formosa that it might certainly count upon his co-operation in preventing a recurrence of similar incidents.

The settlement, said Mr. Eden, was regarded as satisfactory by the British Government and he was sure, he added, that the House of Commons would agree that it was a matter for satisfaction that the case should be finally disposed of.—*Reuter.*

SMUGGLING DIMINISHING

London, April 13.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. W. Roston Duckworth, Conservative M.P. for the Moss Side Division of Manchester, Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, said smuggling in North China had apparently diminished recently.

Mr. Eden added, however, that in view of indications which had reached him, he was considering whether there were any further steps that could be usefully taken in the matter.—*Reuter.*



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NATURE'S OWN LAXATIVE

Fixed Price For Gold Not Maintained

Chamberlain Explains
British Policy

Satisfied With
Tri-Party Pact

London, April 13.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to questions, stated that it was not at present part of the Government's policy to maintain a fixed price for gold in sterling. He added that the price of gold was one of the factors to be taken into account in determining monetary policy from time to time.

Mr. Chamberlain further stated that the Government was fully alive to the undesirability of interfering with the flow of business towards recovery.

Mr. Chamberlain said he was satisfied with the working of the tripartite monetary agreement. The purpose of that agreement was to maintain the greatest possible equilibrium in the system of international exchanges, avoiding to the fullest extent any disturbance of that system by monetary action on the part of any of the Governments concerned. He added that the agreement did not refer expressly to the gold value of the several currencies.—*Reuter.*

DETAILED REPLY

London, Apr. 13.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer was asked two questions in the House of Commons by Mr. Boothby (Conservative), who has been associated at various times with the advocacy of "planning and managing money." He asked first for an assurance that the Government had no intention of taking action to check the rise in commodities by raising the price of sterling in terms of gold, in view of the deflationary effect it would have, and also whether the maintenance of cheap money would be maintained as a fundamental objective of Government policy.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain replied that it was not at present part of the policy of the Government to maintain a fixed price for gold in terms of sterling, but the price of gold was, of course, one of the factors to be taken into account in determining their monetary policy from time to time. They were fully alive to the undesirability of interfering with the flow of business towards recovery. With regard to the cheap money, he referred to the answer yesterday, into which the point was made that cheap money was not an object in itself but a means for securing improvement of trade activity and employment.

While the Chancellor was satisfied that the policy actually followed had given a maximum stimulus to economic recovery, no statement could be made as to the future, since the measures to be taken at any time would depend on the course of events.

Mr. Boothby's second question was about the tripartite currency agreement, and whether it precluded any alteration of the gold value of the currency by any of the three Governments, without prior consultation with the others.

Mr. Chamberlain said he was satisfied with the working of agreement and added that the purpose of the agreement was to maintain the greatest possible equilibrium in the system of international exchanges and to avoid, to the utmost extent, any disturbance of that system by monetary action on the part of any of the Governments concerned. There was no express reference to the gold value of the several currencies.

These answers led to a supplementary question whether he was contemplating any negotiations with the United States and France for a wider and more permanent agreement. The Chancellor said he was not contemplating that at the present time, and, to another question, he explained that the last answer was not inconsistent with the expression of hope in the declaration of September 19 that it might be followed by further measures towards the lowering of restrictions of international trade.—*British Wireless.*

GOLD FUND GAINS

Washington, Apr. 13.
The Treasury Department stated to-day that on April 10 it was revealed the inactive Gold Fund had unexpectedly jumped \$26,710,925 within 24 hours to a total of \$430,050,955, the largest day's increase since gold sterilisation began.

Official circles minimise the significance of the jump, saying it is possibly caused by the large imports of last week. It is indicated there may be additional heavy purchases in view of the British announcement that gold exports to the United States between Monday and Thursday aggregated \$53,000,000.—*United Press.*

BRITISH FINANCES

London, Apr. 13.
Exchequer returns for the first ten days of the new financial year show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £21,070,823, compared with £18,522,089 at the corresponding date last year. Total ordinary expenditure is £22,530,347, compared with £24,992,014 at the corresponding date of 1936.—*British Wireless.*

LEAVING FOR MANILA

H.M.S. Adventure is not leaving for Manila until next Thursday, April 20, and a farewell cocktail party is being given by officers on board on Friday.

"FIGHTING MAC" DUE HERE SOON

Saw War On Many
Bloody Fronts

Known to Anzacs
The World Over

Commissioner W. McKenzie—"Fighting Mac" of the Gallipoli Campaign during the Great War—is arriving in Hongkong on May 11. The veteran Salvation Army leader is returning to the field of his later Missionary work by the steamer Taiping from Australia, where he recently retired after 50 years' active service with the Army.

Commissioner McKenzie will proceed direct to Canton from here, returning to this Colony on May 14, when he will be welcomed at a meeting to be held in the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. This meeting will be presided over by the Hon. Mr. R.A.C. North who, upon the departure of His Excellency the Governor this week, will become Colonial Secretary. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Hall is expected to deliver an address.

The distinguished visitor will address the Rotary Club at its weekly dinner on May 19, and, on the same date will attend the annual meeting of the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls, where His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, will preside.

Commissioner McKenzie leaves Hongkong for North China by the Dollar liner President Lincoln May 19.

From 1927 to 1930 he was Leader of the Salvation Army movement in North China, this, with the exception of the Great War period, being his only break from Salvation Army work in Australia for 50 years.

During the Great War he became famous with thousands of "Diggers" as "Fighting Mac." He served in France, Egypt and Gallipoli as Military Chaplain with the Australian Infantry Forces, winning the Military Cross and later the Order of the British Empire.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.
H. K. Bank, \$1,805 n.
H. K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.), £119 n.
Chartered Bank, £215½ n.
Metcalf Bank, A. and B. £38½ n.
Metcalf Bank, C. £154½ n.
East Asia Bank, \$88½ b.

Insurances.
Canton, In., \$320 n.
Union In., \$630 n.
China Underwriters, \$1.00 n.
H. K. Fire In., \$28 n.
Internat'l Assn., Sh. \$4¼ n.

Shipping.
Douglas, \$38 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$9 n.
Indo-China (Pref.), \$35 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$50 n.
Shell (Bearer), 113/1½ n.
Union Waterboats, \$94½ n.

Docks etc.
H. K. Wharves (old), \$115½ n.
H. K. & W. Docks, \$304 n.
Providents (old), \$210 b.
Providents (new), 25 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$3¼ n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$102 n.

Mining.
Kallan Mining Co., 21/6 n.
Rauhs, \$170 n.
Venz: Goldfield \$8 n.

Philippine Mining.
Antarctica, \$1.98 n.
Atoks, P. 27
Baguio Gold, P. 20¼
Balato Min., P. 13
Benguet Cons., \$130 n.
Benguet Expl., \$98
Big Widge, P. 19
Coco Grove, P. 52
Consolidated Mines, P. 928
Demonstrations, \$1.24½/25 n.
E. Mindanao, P. 23½
Gum Gold, P. 12½
I. X. L., P. 73
Ilogons, \$1.90 n.
Masbate Cons., P. 30
Min. Resc., P. 25
Northern Min., P. 99
Paracale Gumus, P. 50
Salacot Min., P. 44½
San Marico, \$321 n.
Suyoc Consols, P. 36
United Paracale, \$110 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$7.65 n.
H. K. Lands, \$50¼ n.
H. K. Lands, 425 Dobson, \$105 n.
Shai Lands, Sh. \$15 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.
Humphries, \$9 b.
H. K. Realities, \$5.75 n.
Chinese Estates, \$74 n.
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.
China Echoes, \$200 n.
Wm. Powells, 40 cts. n.

Public Utilities.
H. K. Tramways, \$15 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$4½ b.
Peak Trams, (new), \$1.10 b.
Star Ferries, \$87 n.
Taumatal Ferry, (old), \$20 n.
China Lights, \$14.70 n.
China Lights, (new), \$14.50 n.
H. K. Electric, \$60 n.
Macao Electric, \$18 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$11¼ b.
Telephone (old), \$30 n.
Telephone (new), \$12.50 b.
China Buses, Sh. \$9¼ n.
Singapore Traction, 27/6 n.
Singapore Pref., 27/- n.

Industrials.
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$10¼ n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$17 n.
Canton Ice, \$2 n.
Cement, \$16.30 n.
H. K. Ropes, \$5.35 b.
Stern & Co.
Dairy Farm, \$25¼ n.
Watson, \$5.80 n.
Lans Crawfords, \$9 n.
Sinceres, \$3.10 n.

Coronation Broadcasts Arranged

Hongkong Will Hear
Whole Programme

King's Message due
In Early Morning

By "FIRST NIGHT"

Complete plans have now been arranged by Daventry for the transmission of programmes to the Empire during the Coronation celebrations.

On Coronation Day, after the conclusion of Transmission 1 (4.15 p.m. H.K.T.) the normal system of programme distribution by six transmissions will be replaced by five transmissions known as "A," "B," "C," "D" and "E."

The following programmes, with Hongkong Standard Time quoted, have been arranged:

TRANSMISSION A

H.K.T.

3.14 p.m. A description of the processions from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey, by B.B.C. observers stationed at Buckingham Palace, the Mall, the Cenotaph, and Westminster Abbey.

6.15 p.m. Coronation Service, broadcast from Westminster Abbey.

7.15 p.m. A description by B.B.C. observers stationed at Constitution Hill and Buckingham Palace of the return of the procession to Buckingham Palace.

10.45 p.m. Electrical recording of the Coronation Service.

TRANSMISSION B

(May 13)

2.20 a.m. A programme entitled "The Empire's Homage," to which the Dominions and some of the Colonies will contribute.

3 a.m. A message by H.M. the King.

TRANSMISSION C

(May 13)

3.30 a.m. Electrical Recording of the Coronation Service.

5.45 a.m. Electrical Recording of the Processions.

TRANSMISSION D

(May 13)

7.20 a.m. Electrical Recording of the Coronation Service.

9.35 a.m. Electrical Recording of the Processions.

10.50 a.m. Electrical Recording of "The Empire's Homage."

11.30 a.m. Electrical Recording of H.M. the King's Message.

TRANSMISSION E

(May 13)

Noon. Electrical Recording of the Coronation Service.

2.15 p.m. Electrical Recording of the Processions.

Ordinary Empire transmissions will, in addition, be resumed on May 13. Transmission 2 and 3 both well received in Hongkong, will include electrical recordings of "The Empire's Homage" and H.M. the King's Message. The Transmission II broadcasts will probably be at 9.15 p.m. H.K.T. from GSH, GSG and GSF, and the Transmission 3 programmes at midnight, H.K.T., through GSH, GSG and GSF.

ZBW, Hongkong, will relay the Transmission A programmes at 6.15 p.m., 7.15 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. on Coronation Day (May 12), and the electrical recordings at 9.15 p.m. on May 13.

U.S. Scraps Relics Of Imperialism

Deletes Sinister
Treaty Clause

Washington, Apr. 13.
The United States has performed another "good neighbour" gesture. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and the Mexican Ambassador, to-day signed an agreement repealing the section of the United States-Mexico Treaty of 1923 which granted the Americans the right to transport armed forces across the isthmus of Tehuantepec, which before the completion of the Panama Canal provided an important short-cut between strategic positions on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Troops never moved across this territory, but the right so to do had long constituted, to Central American minds, a sinister relic of United States imperialism, which the United States Government is now liquidating in the interests of a friendly Pan-American policy.—*Reuter.*

Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.

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Shai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$92 b.

Zong Sing, \$81 n.

Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$44 n.

Miscellaneous.

H. K. Entertainments, \$4.70 n.

Constructions (old), \$1.60 n.

Constructions (new), 45 cts. b.

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Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds. 90% n.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 8½% prm. n.

H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1¼% prm. n.

Wallace Harpers, \$4 n.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

The Steamship
"YANG TSE"
No. 6 AEO/37
Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via ports etc. arrived Hongkong on Wednesday, 14th April, 1937.
Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
All claims must be sent in to me on or before 24th April, 1937, or they will not be recognized.
Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 20th April, 1937.
Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
R. OHL.
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1937.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN STOWAWAY TO BE DEPORTED AFTER SENTENCE

A 33-year-old unemployed Russian, Nicholas Kounetzoff, was charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning with stowing away on the Dollar liner President Coolidge from Shanghai to Hongkong, and with entering the Colony without a passport.
Detective-Sergeant P. H. Loughlin stated that defendant arrived in Hongkong on April 12, and had travelled from Shanghai on the ship without a ticket. According to defendant's own story, he had come to the Colony with the intention of taking a ship to Australia, presumably by stowing away, as he had no money. He also told the police that he had entered the United States without proper papers in 1935, and had been deported.
Fines of \$50, or a month's hard labour, were imposed on each charge, the sentence to run consecutively, and an expulsion order was made against defendant.

COURT COMMENDS CHINESE FOR ARRESTING A SNATCHER

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Wai, aged 17, unemployed, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning to a charge of snatching a handbag containing \$38.20 in money, a gold watch valued at \$20, a gold rattan bangle valued at \$2.20, and a fountain pen valued at \$2, from a married woman, Tam Mo-yueuk, at Chancery Lane, yesterday.
Inspector A. V. Baker, prosecuting, said the woman was walking along Chancery Lane towards Arbuthnot Road at 8 p.m. when defendant snatched the bag from under her arm. He was seen to do this by Chang Chi-hoi, who immediately arrested him. Principal Warder A. J. J. J. who was in his quarters, also saw the incident and took defendant to Central Police Station.
His Worship expressed his thanks to Chang for arresting Wong.

A CORRECTION

In reporting the Chairman's reply to Mr. W. E. Kirby at the shareholders meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., regarding the sale of the s.s. Lungshan and Sui An, we quoted him as having said that the purchase price was \$225,000. What the Chairman actually stated was that, included under the heading "Sunday Debtors", there was an instalment of \$225,000 which was due in respect of the sale of the Lungshan and Sui An.

Unworthy To Be Called A Hospital

Infectious Diseases Building Condemned

The Infectious Diseases Hospital, Hongkong, which is more than 30 years old, according to the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, in a report to the Legislative Council this afternoon, is "in a very bad condition and unworthy to be called a hospital."

"It has outlived its usefulness and should be demolished," Dr. Wellington asserts.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Thursday, the 15th day of April, 1937, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1936, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 31st March, 1937, to Thursday, the 15th April, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1937.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Accounts to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1937.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.50 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1937.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Friday, 16th APRIL, 1937, at 2.55 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Accounts to 31st December, 1936, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th MARCH to 16th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1937.

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Companies are requested to forward, as early as possible information regarding arrivals, departures, time and mooring place and other movements. Urgent information should be telephoned to the shipping Editor, Phone 26615.

PORT DIRECTORY

ARIMA MARU (N.Y.K.), Kowloon Wharf.
BENVENUE (Ben Line), Kowloon Wharf.
BREVIVIKEN (J.C.L.), A.S. 'BULYBESS' (Loxley), Kowloon Bay.
TAPE ST. FRANCIS (Wo Fat Sing), B. 11.

CHENGTE (B. & S.), B.21.
CHERIKANG (B. & S.), B.2.
CHUNGKING (B. & S.), B.1.
FU LONG (Master), Yau-mat.
FUKUKEN MARU (O.S.K.), O.S.K. Wharf.
GLANVILLE (Bank Line), Stone-cutter.

GRAYSTONE CASTLE (Dodwell), Talook Dock (Douglas), B.12.
HAI LEE (Thoresen), B.10.
HELIOS (Thoresen), B.10.
HETIYO MARU (N.Y.K.), Kowloon Wharf.
HENRIK (Chin Sang Hong), B.4.

HONGKONG MARU (O.S.K.), O.S.K. Wharf.
KANG MOELLER (Dodwell), B.25.
KINYO MARU (M.S.K.), Kowloon Bay.
KIANGSU (B. & S.), B.15.

LIANGHONG (B. & S.), Talook Dock.
LYEEMOON (Wo Fat Sing), B.6.
MARLY (K. Larsen), A.G.A.
MICHIGAN (States), A.2.
PERSEUS (B. & S.), Holt's Wharf.
PRODUCE (K. Larsen), B.5.
PROMINENT (J.M.), B.22.

SHOUSHU (D.K.K.), Kowloon Wharf.
SHANTUNG (J.M.), B.12.
SILVERHAWK (Furness), Talook Dock.
STANLEY (Shun Cheong), Kwong Wink Wharf.
TAI LEE (Yee Tai Hong), Yau-mat.

TALITHYBIUS (B. & S.), Holt's Wharf.
TASMANIA (Jensen), A.5.
TENDI MARU (D.K.K.), A.12.
TATSUTA MARU (N.Y.K.), in Dock.
TINHOV (Bank), Kowloon Dock Wall.
TJISADANE (J.C.L.), A.16.

WING WAI (Chin Sang Hong), B.12.
WING WO (Tai Fung & Co.), West Point.
WONG SHER KUNG (Hing Lee), B.11.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

BENVENUE (Ben Line) from Europe 8.30 a.m., Kowloon Wharf. 30503.
GLANVILLE (Bank) from Europe, 11 a.m., 2774.
KAIAPOI (Williamson) from Hongay, 3.45 p.m., B.15, 23755.

KWANGCHOW (B. & S.) from Canton, West Point, 30331.
SARANG MARU (O.S.K.) from Japan, noon, A.1, 28001.
SILVERHAWK (Furness) from Belvoir, Talook Dock, 23165.
SINGAPORE MARU (M.B.K.) from Keelung, 9 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 30271.

STANLEY (Shun Cheong), from Swatow, 3.35 p.m., Kowloon Wharf.
SWATOW (B. & S.) from Canton, 8.30 a.m., West Point, 30331.
TINHOV (Bank) from Milke, day-light, Kowloon Dock, 2774.

TJISADANE (J.C.L.) from Java, daylight, quarantine anchorage, 28015.
SAILED YESTERDAY
(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ANAX (B. & S.) for Japan, daylight, Holt's Wharf, 30331.
BADEN (Jensen) for Shanghai, 2 p.m., midstream, 20602.
CAPE ST. GEORGE (Jensen) for Shanghai, 10 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 26602.

CITY OF DERRY (Bank) for Cebu, 4 p.m., Kowloon Wharf, 2771.
DARPU (Hing Lee) for Hongay, 1 p.m., C.1, 30654.
HUPEH (B. & S.) for Canton 8.30 p.m., Talook Dock, 30331.

MICHIGAN (States) for Manila, 6 p.m., A.2, 30371.
PRESIDENT HARRISON (Dollar) for Europe, noon, Kowloon Wharf, 28171.
SARANG MARU (O.S.K.) for Taiwan, 8 p.m., A.1, 28001.

TASMANIA (Jensen) for America, 2 p.m., A.5, 26008.
THERMOPYLAE (Thoresen) for Japan, 9 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 30237.
TJISADANE (J.C.L.) for Bali, 10 a.m., A.3, 28015.

WING WO (Tai Tung), for K. C. Wan, 2 p.m., Salkong Wharf, 20570.
YATSIUNG (J.M.) for Canton, 9 p.m., B.8, 30311.
YCHOV (B. & S.) for Canton, 8.30 a.m., B.14, 30331.

ARRIVING TO-DAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

CINGALESE PRINCE (Furness) from America, day-light, 30331.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN (C.P.S.) from Manila, 10 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 20762.
HINSANG (J.M.) from Sandakan, 9 a.m., B.22, 30311.

KWANGTUNG (B. & S.) from Shanghai, noon, West Point, 30331.
KANPUHA (P. & O.) from Singapore, noon, Kowloon Wharf, 28171.
TAIYUAN (B. & S.) from Canton, noon, West Point, 30331.

YINGCHOW (B. & S.) from Amoy, noon, West Point, 30331.
SAILING TO-DAY
(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ANAX (J.C.L.) for Shanghai, daylight, Holt's Wharf, 28015.
CHERIKANG (B. & S.) for Swatow, noon, West Point, 30331.
HAI LEE (Thoresen) for Amoy, 4 p.m., West Point, 30237.

HAITAN (Douglas) for Swatow, 4 p.m., Douglas Wharf, 28037.
KAIAPOI (Williamson) for Canton, 8 p.m., B.15, 23755.
KWANGCHOW (B. & S.) for Shanghai, 6 p.m., West Point, 30331.

PRESIDENT (Dollar) for Manila, 1 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 28171.
PRODUCE (Larsen) for Salgon, 8 a.m., B.5, 20098.
PROMINENT (J.M.) for Shanghai, noon, B.22, 30311.

SINGAPORE MARU (M.B.K.) for Singapore, 6 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 30271.
SINKIANG (B. & S.) for Swatow, 10 a.m., West Point, 30331.
STEAMER (B. & S.) for Swatow, 8 p.m., West Point, 30331.

TAIYUAN (B. & S.) for Amoy, 8 p.m., West Point, 30331.
ARRIVING TO-MORROW
(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

DAVENE (B. & S.) from Shanghai, a.m., West Point Wharf, 30331.

KINGYUAN (B. & S.) from Hoihow, 6 a.m., West Point, 30331.
SUNCHANG (B. & S.) from Shanghai, a.m., West Point, 30331.
SUIYANG (B. & S.) from Shanghai, noon, West Point, 30331.

SAILING TO-MORROW

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

CINGALESE PRINCE (Furness) for Europe, 8 p.m., Kowloon Dock, 23165.
DAVENE (J.M.) for Canton, p.m., West Point, 30331.
FUKUKEN MARU (O.S.K.) for Amoy, noon, O.S.K. Wharf, 28001.
KANPUHA (P. & O.) for Shanghai, 11 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 2771.
TALITHYBIUS (B. & S.) for Port Said, noon, A.1, 30331.

TJISADANE (J.C.L.) for Shanghai, 10 a.m., A.15, 28001.
VAN HEUTZ (J.C.L.) for Penang, noon, 28001.
VESSELS DUE

ANTIOCHUS (B. & S.), May 17.
ATREUS (B. & S.), May 10.
BERTRAM RICKMERS (Jensen) Apr. 20.
BELLEROPHON (B. & S.), April 23.

CHAKSANG (J.M.), Apr. 10.
CITY OF ELWOOD (States), Apr. 20.
CITY OF LYONS (Bank), Apr. 18.
CREMONA (J.M.), Apr. 18.
EMPRESS OF ASIA (C.P.S.), Apr. 22.

EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.), May 7.
FULDA (Melcher's), May 11.
GENERAL LEE (States), Apr. 30.
GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jensen), Apr. 27.

GUENISAU (Melcher's), May 13.
HAVAL (Melcher's), May 17.
HECTOR (B. & S.), Apr. 23.
HINSANG (J.M.), Apr. 16.

ISLANI (J.M.), May 12.
KAMO MARU (N.Y.K.), Apr. 23.
KELLERWALD (Jensen), Apr. 20.
KUMSANG (J.M.), Apr. 23.
KUNSA (J.M.), Apr. 24.

LEVERKUSEN (Jensen), Apr. 29.
MALAYA (E. A. C.), May 6.
MENELAUS (B. & S.), May 6.
NORVIKEN (J.M.), Apr. 18.
PETER MAERSK (Jensen), Apr. 30.

RIEINGOLD (Jensen), Apr. 20.
SARANG MARU (O.S.K.), Apr. 18.
SUISANG (J.M.), Apr. 22.
SANDVIKEN (J.M.), Apr. 21.
TAI PEI (J.M.), Apr. 17.

TALADOT (Thoresen), May 6.
TAYBANK (Bank), Apr. 26.
TJIKEMANG (J.C.L.), Apr. 27.
TJISADANE (J.C.L.), Apr. 18.
TJISALAK (J.C.L.), Apr. 18.

TROJA (Thoresen), May 2.
VAN HEUTZ (J.C.L.), Apr. 20.
YUENSANG (J.M.), May 6.
ARRIVALS AND CARGOES

Fourteen ships entered the Colony yesterday, carrying 11,117 tons of general cargo, amounting to over 34,368 tons, for Hongkong and through ports.

The ships are: BENVENUE (Ben Line) Capt. James Struth, from Singapore, with 2,000 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 4,855 tons for through ports.
SARANG MARU (O.S.K.) from Canton, with no cargo.

HAI LEE (Thoresen) Capt. J. Davidson, from Hoihow, with 2,015 tons of general cargo, for Hongkong and 800 tons for through ports.
KAIAPOI (Williamson) Capt. B. Bolt, from Hongay, with 1,200 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 1,025 tons for through ports.

KANCHOW (Hing Phung) Capt. E. Thomas, from Saigon, with 2,127 tons of rice and general cargo for Hongkong. KANCHOW (Hing Phung) Capt. E. Thomas, from Saigon, with 2,127 tons of rice and general cargo for Hongkong.

SARANG MARU (O.S.K.) Capt. K. Shibusawa, from Keelung, with 340 tons of sugar, chocolate and general cargo for Hongkong and 3,334 tons of maize, kopok seeds and scrap iron for through ports.

SINGAPORE MARU (M.B.K.) Capt. G. Shibusawa, from Keelung, with 473 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 6,411 tons for through ports.
SILVERHAWK (Furness) Capt. R. H. Woodrow, from Delta, with no cargo.

STANLEY (Shun Cheong) Capt. Wong Sae-fook, from Swatow, with 58 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.
SUIKIANG (B. & S.) Capt. J. L. Gamble, from Canton, with 785 tons of general cargo for through ports.
TINHOV (Bank) from Milke, with no cargo.

TJISADANE (J.C.L.) Capt. H. de Jonge, from Muntok, with 2,800 tons of general cargo for Hongkong and 4,837 tons for through ports.
PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

The s.s. President Coolidge which is expected to arrive here from Manila on Sunday, April 18, will sail for Shanghai and San Francisco at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN
The R.M.S. Empress of Britain arrived at Yokohama on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 a.m. and will leave there after to-morrow at 8 p.m. She is due at Honolulu on Friday, April 23 at 8 a.m. and will sail on Saturday, April 24 at 6 p.m.

S.S. ISLANI
The s.s. Islami of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., which is due here on May 12, will sail for Kobe and Osaka on Saturday, May 15, at 7 a.m.

Small-Pox On Steamer

Delays Departure Of Military Units

It is learned that an outbreak of small-pox was detected on a steamer which arrived in the Colony yesterday from Tientsin. A Chinese travelling at the steamer was found to be infected and was taken to hospital on arrival in Hongkong. As a consequence of this discovery, passengers have been quarantined and a Lieutenant and a Regimental Sergeant Major and their families, who were expecting to go home on the transport Dorsetshire, have had to suspend their departure. Until it is certain that they have not contracted the disease, they will remain here under observation.



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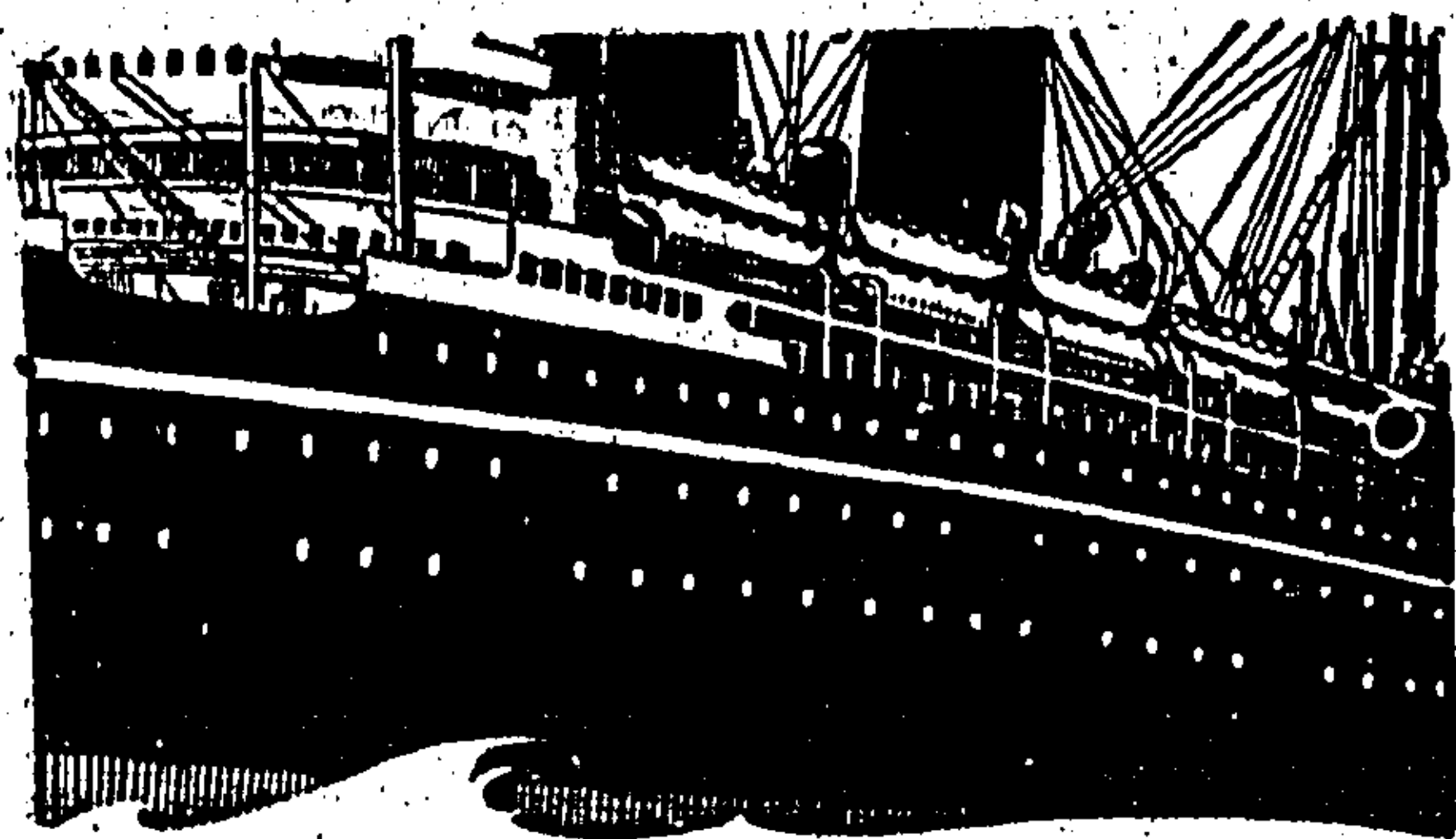
INWARD MAILS

Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	April 14.
Straits	Siam	April 14.
Calcutta and Straits	Thawa	April 14.
Shanghai and Amoy	Yingchow	April 14.
Haihow, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kingyuan	April 15.
Shanghai	Luchow	April 15.
Shanghai and Amoy	Nanchang	April 15.
Shanghai, Foochow and Swatow	Sulyang	April 15.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, London 30th March	Cathay	April 16.
Manila	Conte Rosso	April 16.
Singapore	General Sherman	April 16.
Saloon	Jean Laborde	April 16.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 27th March)	Pres. Jefferson	April 16.

OUTWARD MAILS

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British Army Scouts Heavily Fired On

New Delhi, Apr. 13. A Royal Air force officer and his passenger, who had been flying in connection with the frontier operations against hostile tribesmen, were killed in a crash at Miranshah Aerodrome to-day. They were Pilot Officer J. B. Pascoe-Webb and Mr. R. W. Gibb.

Considerable bodies of hostile tribesmen fired heavily on British Army scouts near the post at Esplanade on the Waziristan frontier Sunday and Monday, it was learned here to-day.

A civilian lorry, bound for Razmak, was attacked near Shinalgad, but the attackers were repulsed.

Some peaceful tribesmen returning to Razmak were also fired upon by a Torikhel gang in the same neighbourhood, but successfully resisted the assault.—Reuter.

Ford May Pay £2 Minimum Daily Wages

Huge Expansion Of Rogue River Plant

Dearborn, Mich., Apr. 13. Mr. Henry Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company, has ordered the expansion of his Rogue River plant to such an extent that it will become the largest industrial unit in the world, he told the press to-day.

He does not plan to meet union problems or disputes under the Wagner Bill until they arise, he says, and he parried questions on the possibility of paying minimum wages of £2 a day.

Asked whether such a wage were conceivable, he said: "I wouldn't say anything about it. But I am going to give them competition, and you can't compete on low wages."

Mr. Ford indicated that certain financial interests had possibly inspired the Wagner Bill. "Wall Street," he said, "has been trying to get control of industry."—United Press.

ARGUE FOR FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK

Textile Industries' Experts Confer

Washington, Apr. 13. The Chinese workers' delegate to the international textile conference here, Mr. Iku Fan-chu, brought greetings from his people to American workers to-day. His millions of Chinese colleagues, he said, did not enjoy living conditions equal to those of the Americans, but they were hard-working, honest and reliable. He observed that Americans' deep interest in Chinese was reciprocated by high admiration and he hoped the conference would be fruitful and lay the foundation of international co-operation on behalf of social justice and peace.

The United States employees' delegate, arguing on behalf of a universal 40-hour week, said American companies had produced equal, and possibly larger dividends under the 40-hour week than those under the 55-hour week.

The British employers' adviser, Mr. William Scholes, contended the United States had ignored the export field after the adoption of the 40-hour week. He claimed the Americans could practice this self-sufficiency to an extent denied to nations dependant on exports.—United Press.

GERMANY FORTIFIES FRONTIER

Lorraine Watches With Anxiety

Metz, Apr. 13. Across the frontier from Lorraine, French people are watching with some anxiety the construction of German fortifications in the former demilitarised Rhineland zone.

The Germans are doubling the Maginot Line with a series of hidden gun nests and tank traps and are reported to be mining bridges, including those on the Saarbrücken Line, which covers a number of rich coal-bearing centres in the region of Saar and which also runs through the Palatinate from Pirmasens to Kaiserlautern.

The latter section is being most rapidly completed, while large barracks are said to be in course of construction at Neunkirchen.—Reuter.

Van Zeeland Bargaining With Berlin

Belgian Premier On Economic Mission

Brussels, Apr. 13. M. Paul Van Zeeland, the Premier, has taken the first opportunity to sound Germany on the economic mission recently entrusted to him by the British and French Governments, according to the newspapers.

The press is speculating on what happened at a private meeting between M. Van Zeeland and Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, to-day.

It is unofficially suggested that M. Van Zeeland alluded to Germany's part in a tariff truce, the possibility of eventual devaluation of the mark, and the prospects of the Bank of International Settlements supporting the Reichsbank.

Dr. Schacht also met a number of industrialists, and another report says he is proposing a big barrier transaction of Belgian colonial produce for German manufactures.—Reuter.

Naval Officers Going Home

Large Party Aboard Dorsetshire

The following naval officers are embarking on the transport "Dorsetshire" on Friday for home: Comdr. R.M. Ellis, Delight; Comdr. J.E. Broome, Dainbow; Lieut.-Cdr. B.E. Kendall, Duncan; Lieut.-Cdr. E.L. O'Neave, Diamond; Lieut.-Cdr. E.P. Hinton, Defender; Lieut.-Cdr. R.C.S. Garwood, Regulus; Lieut. M. Johnston, Hermes; Lieut. A. Kennett, Medway; Lieut. R.M.T. Peacock, Regulus; Lieut. P.E. Moore, Phoenix; Lieut. S.R. White, Oswald; Lieut. E.J. O'Shea, Seamew; Lieut. J. Cochran, Bruce; Lieut. C.S. Battersby, Duncan; Lieut. D.A.B. Abby, Pandora; Lieut. J.F.R. Crews, Osiris; Lieut. E. Ingram, Sandwich; Lieut. R.E. Coltart, Porteus; Lieut. (E) E. Mill, Regent; Surg.-Lieut. D.P. Gurd, Moth; Cdr. W.E. Blake, Tamara; Schm. B. Clark, Duncan; Schm. E. Reid, Medway; Cdr. Bos' A.T. Board, Medway; Gr. A.G. Samuel, Falmouth; Wt. Eng. C.E.A. Malt, Olympus; Wt. Eng. E. Tickle, Medway.

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SUPREME COURT AND NEW DEAL

Although it is not to be assumed that the United States Supreme Court, in upholding the Wagner Act, regulating the relations between employers and employees, was in any way influenced by President Roosevelt's plans for reform of the Judiciary, there will be a disposition in some quarters to link the two developments. It appears perfectly clear, however, that the President is unlikely to be diverted from his intention to alter the personnel of the Court. Commentators who have been giving attention to the Roosevelt plan recall an analogy in the debates which took place in the British House of Commons on the Parliament Bill in 1910. The veto of the House of Lords was then in question; in the United States to-day, it is the veto power of the Supreme Court which is involved. It will be recalled that Mr. Asquith, the British Premier at this time, threatened to create new Lords to offset the supremacy of the Tories in the Upper Chamber. The Roosevelt threat is to create more Judges ("wet nurses," Senator Carter Glass calls them) if some of the benevolent old gentlemen on the Supreme Court do not retire. Politically, the opposition to the Presidential plan is of a mixed order. The regular Republicans are lying low, because they wish to see the debate kept on a non-partisan plane. The chief opponents are the irregulars from both parties, the Southern Democrats and the Western Republicans, the Senators who monopolise the dialectical ability of Congress. There is a considerable section of opinion which prefers amendment of the Constitution to reform of the Judiciary, a device, however, which the Attorney General has described as "the strategy of delay." The House of Representatives is pliant on the issue, but the Senate prospect is not too clear, although it is stated that Roosevelt can count on a small majority. In the opinion of a close observer, President Roosevelt is disposed for the moment to delay a definite vote on the subject, preferring meanwhile the strategy of wooing the Senators individually. There is no indication at present that he intends to back out of the position he has taken up, and it is hardly to be imagined that the upholding of the Wagner Act will in any way deflect him from the purpose which he has in mind.

Problem for a Conqueror

Important dispatch from Paris Correspondent, JOSSLEYN HENNESSY, showing what Mussolini's position in Abyssinia really is, what it means to him and the rest of Europe

FOR public debate I here summarise without comment the views of certain highly-placed French authorities.

Italy is still engaged in guerilla warfare in Abyssinia and is likely to maintain 400,000 soldiers and regimented workers there for at least two years to come. The war cost her £200,000,000. Maintenance of her forces there, exclusive of capital required for economic exploitation, costs her about £100,000,000 yearly.

Using the plain language, stripped of "nebulous idealism," which dictators like, France and Britain could, in the event of a threat of war in Europe, say to Mussolini:

"If you don't side with us, we are strong enough to draw a naval barrage across the Gulf of Suez. We can close the seas between Aden and Jibuti. For many years to come, we can arm the native population in the Sudanese frontier regions against you.

"Your air force might give us a hard tussle in the Mediterranean, but this would not affect our blockade of Abyssinia, because Aden and Jibuti are adequate for the largest naval and air fleets imaginable."

The Jibuti railway must continue for at least another two years to be the supply base for the vast majority of Italians in Abyssinia. As motor roads multiply, this dependence will decrease to some extent; but if Italian access to Assab were closed by sea, the vital supply lorries, tanks and aeroplanes, which consume vast quantities of petrol and oil, would be without fuel (20,000 lorries were used up beyond repair in the seven months of the Abyssinia war).

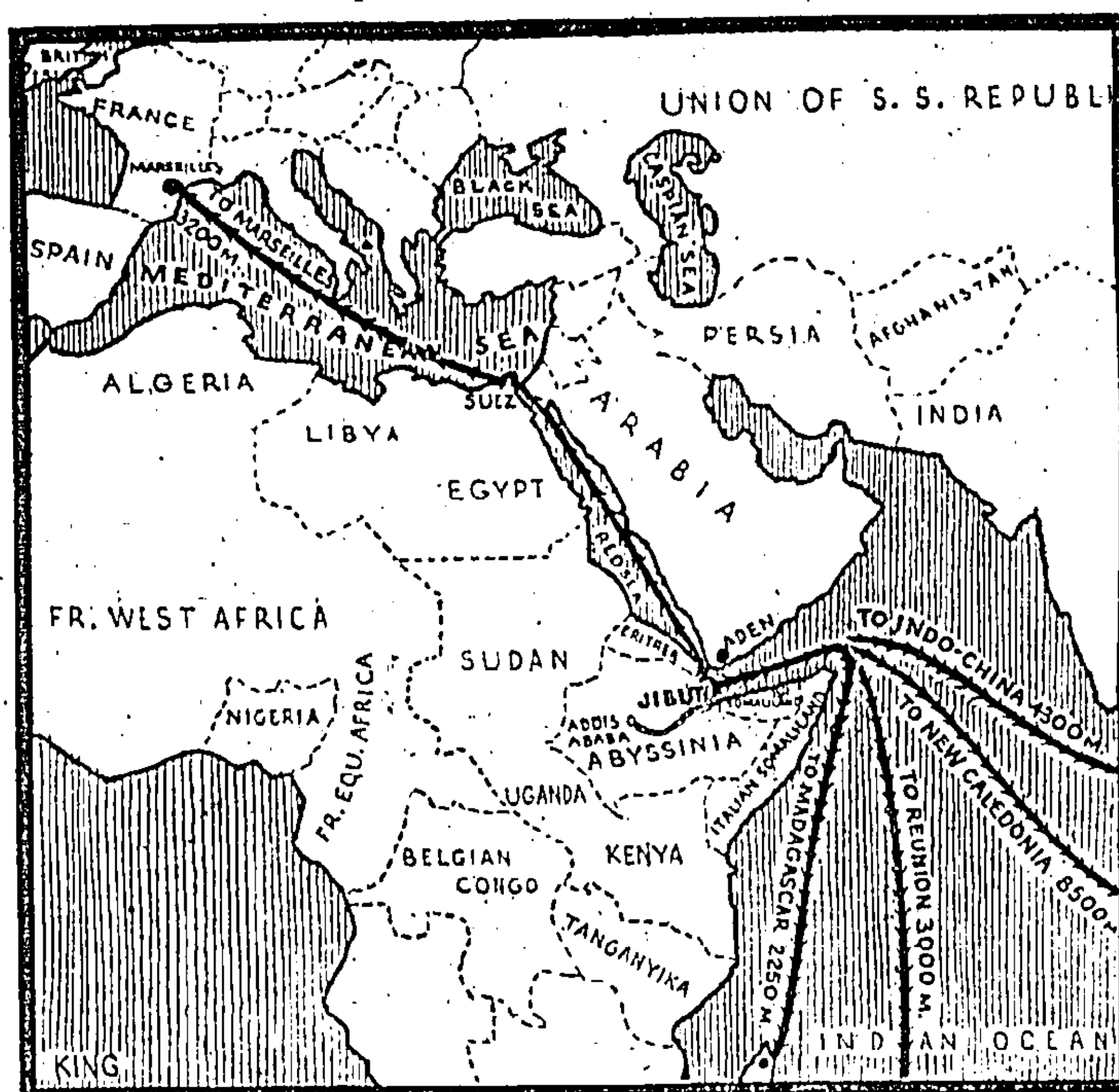
Open fuel dumps would be vulnerable to air attack, while bomb-proof underground reservoirs would be extremely costly and take time to build.

During the Abyssinian war, Italy mobilised 1,000,000 men. She used up 80 per cent. of her war stocks (munitions, lorries, uniforms, etc.). She has now reduced effectives to 650,000 men for economy's sake.

She has, since August when she placed her industries on war basis, begun a tremendous effort to bring her depleted stocks back to normal; this will take about two years.

Mussolini proclaims that his policy is backed by 8,000,000 bayonets; but if a European war broke out during this period, it is estimated that he could not equip more than 1,200,000 to 1,500,000 men.

To this Mussolini could reply: "My 400,000 men in Abyssinia, plus the native army which I shall raise, will not sit still under your blockade. My troops are now on the Sudanese frontier. They could launch a



powerful thrust through the Sudan, up to the Suez Canal's back door. Moreover, French and British Somaliland, Uganda and Kenya are within striking distance."

It is precisely because these possibilities are recognised that it is urged that now is the time to settle the problems raised by Abyssinia's future.

Now Mussolini's hypothetical threat to Egypt's hinterland is harmless because it implies a network of macadamised roads and the Italo-German co-operation which keeps Europe years to build, and a native

But the longer France and Britain delay in calling this bluff the sooner will it merge into reality — the reality of roads in Abyssinia and well-stocked armories in Italy.

Opportunities to discuss these problems will shortly occur, since (1) the position of Abyssinia at Geneva cannot remain in suspense for long; (2) unofficial talks to settle the Jibuti-Addis Ababa railway have already begun and the Italians are insisting that they must become official inter-Governmental negotiations.

France will never cede the French railway to Italy since this would endanger Jibuti — sole naval base between France and her Indo-Chinese Empire.

The French authorities concerned hold that the only settlement possible is one based on the 1906 Tripartite Agreement which should be brought within the League framework.

This agreement determines the British, Italian and French spheres of influence and protects the French railway's existence.

It accords to both Italy and Britain places on the railway's directorate, but Britain has never yet exercised her right of appointing a nominee. France hopes that Britain will take her place on the directorate.

This would aid in guaranteeing that the Abyssinian market would not be closed to international trade (the prospect opened by Italy's actual totalitarian methods of colonisation), and it would give Britain an Abyssinian vantage post to watch over her vast African interests.

French and British colonial experts, as observers with a legal status in Abyssinia, might benefit both Italians and Abyssinians.

In contrast to French and British colonial administrations, which ruling through local chiefs, enable primitive civilisation to evolve, Italy's totalitarian methods are eradicating the Abyssinian social structure.

The contempt of conquerors inflicts a psychological wound with serious consequences on any people — witness the growth of Nazism after the indignity of the Versailles Diktat.

But injustice inflicts far deeper sufferings on primitive peoples than on the more sophisticated who can compensate themselves by what psychologists call "rationalisation" processes.

The Italians expropriate the land wherever they require it from peoples in whom the sense of property is well developed; they treat the natives as "poor black trash," and physical brutality is not uncommon.

Mustard gas bombs, blistering men and cattle, quell revolt. The League owes it to Abyssinia, beaten in a war of unprovoked aggression by methods condemned throughout the world, to act while there is still time — in another two years it will be too late.

BIG VOTE FOR EMBASSY AT NANKING APPROVED

London, April 13.

The question of the cost of the new British Embassy in Nanking was raised in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. S. P. Viant, Labour M.P. for West Willesden, on the vote for public buildings overseas.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, of the Office of Works, replying, said money was being asked, apart from the actual buildings, for the complete purchase of a site, the total cost of which, including roads, would be about £15,000.

With regard to Mr. Viant's query whether it was necessary to have the Embassy in Nanking, Mr. Hudson thought it was the general opinion in the House of Commons and among the commercial community in China

that it was essential that the Ambassador should have his residence in the capital. As to whether it was necessary to spend so large a sum as £100,000, Mr. Hudson pointed out that the Embassy comprised a comparatively large establishment, which, as desired, should be accommodated in the compound, and to provide moderate buildings for all of them. He pointed out that the cost would be spread over a period of five years. The vote was approved. — Reuter.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

- EVEN A FOOL WHEN HE HIDEETH HIS PEACE IS COUNTED WISE. — Proverbs XVII 28.
- An Austin motor car, No. 681, valued at \$1,200, has been reported stolen from Bonham Road, where it had been left, between 7 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. yesterday. The car belongs to Mr. C. C. Chan, residing at the Tung Shan Hotel.
- A report has been made to the police by Mr. Grant Cameron, of Messrs. Carroll Bros., to the effect that while driving his car along Queen's Road East yesterday, he knocked down Wong Wai-fong, aged 45, who was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.
- The Ancient Company, of 39 Nathan Road, were fined \$40 by Mr. E. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for having in their shop a 7-valve radio receiving set without a licence. The set was found on March 23, during a visit by Mr. James Key, Inspector of Wireless, and had been left there for repairs by a customer.
- A woman named Kum Shiu, residing at No. 20 Tung On Street, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by taking Lysol. She was removed to the Kowloon Hospital for attention.
- The next fortnightly dance of the R.E.O.C.A. will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, April 24, commencing at 8 p.m. Music by the Band of the 1st Bn. Royal Ulster Rifles, by kind permission of Lt. Col. R. M. Rodwell and Officers.
- A young woman, Kwok Lok, was brought on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of possession of a large quantity of heroin pills at No. 210 Hollywood Road on April 8. Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit, prosecuting, said he raided the flat at 8.30 a.m. and found a complete outfit for the manufacture of heroin. Defendant was about to run away, but was stopped. She said her husband made the pills and was away in the country. Sentence of a year's hard labour and a fine of \$2,500, or a further six months' hard labour, was inflicted on the woman.

HOSPITAL NEEDS OF HONGKONG

Dr. A. R. Wellington Reports On Delay Of Requirements

In a Report tabled in Legislative Council this afternoon, Dr. A. R. Wellington disclosed that the refusal of Government to allow the Queen Mary Hospital to be paid from a loan such as was allowed for the new gaoi and the new water works caused considerable embarrassment to his Department.

"Something like a million a year had to be spent from revenue to meet the expenses of the building, and items desirable for a hospital but not essential had to be left out," he said.

The Queen Mary Hospital was opened yesterday by His Excellency the Governor.

The Report discloses that the financial depression which commenced in 1930 had considerably delayed health progress in Hongkong. "A new mental hospital, a new infectious diseases hospital, a leper asylum, much needed extension to the Kowloon Hospital, urgently required accommodation and equipment for radiological work, and a teaching health centre near the University could not be provided," he said.

"Proposals for increase of staff had to be very carefully scrutinized. Provision for the emoluments of a Senior Health Officer, a post essential for the proper running of the scheme, was cut out of the estimates."

"Proposals to erect health centres in the New Territories had to be abandoned. It is disclosed.

PALACE HOTEL INCIDENT

Disorder Summons Fails In Court

A case, the result of which may have some importance as a precedent, came before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning when I. L. Goldenburg, licensee of the Palace Hotel, was summoned for breach of his licence by permitting disorder on his premises on March 25.

Defendant pleaded not guilty through his solicitor, Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios.

Inspector K. W. Andrew, prosecuting, said that about 9.30 on March 25, whilst he was at the junction of Nathan Road and Haiphong Road he heard the sound of shouting from the direction of the Palace Hotel. He went there and saw through a window a number of people standing round a piano and shouting. There were roughly 30 people at the bar, consisting chiefly of sailors and soldiers. He would not say anybody was drunk, but they had certainly been drinking.

As he was trying to count the number of people there a brawl started between a civilian and some sailors, as a result of which the piano was broken. Another window was also smashed. He called Mr. Goldenburg and told him he would report the incident with a view to prosecuting. He told him that the noise must stop, and defendant spoke to the people. After about ten minutes the noise subsided. As witness left the vicinity, however, it restarted. He returned and again told the defendant it must stop, and this time the objectionable shouting was ended.

DID HIS BEST

Mr. Remedios: The Ordinance quite clearly says that no disorder shall be permitted, and from the summons the whole ingredient of the offence is permitting the disorder. Before the defence can be called upon to answer the case it must be proved that defendant acquiesced in the case. This, of course, he did not, and the Inspector has himself said he did all he could to stop it.

His Worship: My ruling is that where there is authority to prevent, failure to do so amounts to permission.

Mr. Remedios submitted that his client could do nothing until there was really disorder, when he had tried his best to stop it.

Goldenburg said he was in his office at the time of the commotion. He came out and told the people at the bar to calm down; they did so in a few minutes. He described the bar which he had been largely surrounded by glass. Anybody brushing against it would break it. In his opinion, the people were just sky-larking and there had in fact been no actual fighting. If there had not been a wall of glass, nothing would have happened.

In cross-examination, he admitted that he had been asked by Inspector Andrew to keep the place quiet the day previous.

After some deliberation His Worship dismissed the summons. He remarked: "I think the publican has nothing he could do to stop the commotion. I cannot convict him for allowing shouting. I think, however, that (Inspector Andrew) was perfectly right in bringing the summons."

EX-AMBASSADOR DEAD

White Sulphur Springs, Va., Apr. 13.

Mr. Larz Anderson, 70, former American Ambassador to Japan, died here to-day, aged 70.—United Press

H.K. FACES ANOTHER WATER FAMINE

(Continued from Page 1.)

ments must therefore be provided by further supplies from Shing Mun or from other sources in the New Territories.

"The Jubilee Reservoir now has insufficient direct catchment areas to ensure its fillings in years of low rainfall."

HARBOUR PIPE DANGER

The Report reveals that any damage to the two cross-harbour pipe lines would leave the Island in a serious position. These lines, it is stated by Mr. Woodward, form a vulnerable section of the Island's "lines of communication."

Examination has revealed that the 12 inch pipelines laid across the harbour in 1920-30 has almost reached the limit of its useful life.

"Corrosion has so affected the metal that in the event of a fracture of the pipeline it is doubtful if reinforcement could be effected," Mr. Woodward states. Examination of the 18 inch main shows that corrosion of the metal is also taking place.

Mr. Woodward recommends that the present 18 inch main should be replaced, as early as possible, with a more permanent protective coating to a permanent solution.

As the 12 inch harbour pipe line may fail at any time and as supplies of a greater amount than the capacity of the present 18 inch main are now required, he recommends the earliest possible construction of a new 18 inch main across the harbour.

Mr. Woodward adds: "The Mainland already makes a considerable contribution to the City's water needs and in view of this being the only source from which increasing requirements can be obtained, the importance of the security of the cross-harbour pipeline already great, will gradually become more and more vital."

It is revealed in the Report that under existing conditions water from Jubilee Reservoir is unavailable for the upper levels of the Island.

JUBILEE USELESS FOR PEAK
Utilising gravitation methods, such as are in existence at present, it is not possible to supply mainland water to a higher level than the Gardens Service Reservoir, approximately 240 feet above the city. Therefore only the low lying positions of the city can be supplied from the mainland.

As far as the Peak and Upper Levels are concerned, Jubilee Reservoir as well as non-existent.

Island reservoirs are not capable of further development. Until the main now supplying the Gardens Service Reservoir is extended to the Albany Service Reservoir, with the pumping arrangements to force the water to the higher level, and replacement of existing Albany Elliot main by one of larger capacity is effected, the present precarious position for higher levels must continue.

The Report urges that these works be put in hand as soon as possible. In addition, Mr. Woodward proposes that the Bowater Road Conduit be reconstructed. This conduit was constructed about 50 years ago and, like the old cross-harbour pipeline, is also nearing the end of its economic life.

"In view . . . of its importance to the City supply, the present condition of the conduits gives rise to some concern," Mr. Woodward states.

Reconstruction of the Conduit would enable Bowen Road, at present utilised by pedestrians only, to be used for motor traffic.

MORE WATER ESSENTIAL
"This Colony has suffered almost continuously from its earliest days from water shortages, the reasons for which have been mostly financial," Mr. Woodward concludes.

"Water being one of the primary necessities of life it is essential that ample supplies be provided, particularly in the tropics where the dangers to health are far greater than in temperate climates."

"It cannot be too strongly emphasised, and it is accordingly urged that not only should the proposals embodied in this report be put in hand at the earliest possible date, but the policy of providing water resources well ahead of requirements be adopted. This latter procedure is generally adhered to by municipalities and other water undertakers."

H.K. BACK TO 1920
"Mr. Woodward's estimates of future requirements cannot be regarded as high and if consumption continues to increase as forecasted, the present works will soon be inadequate to maintain a constant supply," states Mr. A. B. Purves, Executive Engineer of the Waterworks Branch, in an accompanying minute.

"As regards storage, the present position is relatively similar to that in 1920 when two years previously the island storage had been trebled by the completion of the Tyntun Tuk Reservoir."

"It was then thought and stated that Hongkong water troubles were over for many years, but from 1922-1936, without a single exception, annual restriction of the island supply had to be imposed."

From 1920-1935 inclusive, approximately \$20,000,000 has been spent on new Water Works and already, despite the newly completed Jubilee Reservoir, the safety margin between resources and requirements for a constant supply is very small and by next year will have disappeared."

"The programme of work outlined . . . is a formidable one and represents an outlay of probably \$50,000,000. The time required to complete these works will depend on the staff provided. The present staff of the Water Works Construction Sub-department is quite inadequate to carry out this programme within a reasonable time and could deal only with the items of greatest urgency."

KOWLOON'S POSITION
The position in Kowloon is not so serious as on the Island, although the deficiency in raw water resources

applies equally to Island and mainland. The Report reveals that, as regards distribution, the position in Kowloon last summer was difficult and, in the next six months, may be "acute."

"Lack of service reservoir capacity, particularly the New Kowloon area, is responsible for much of the difficulties experienced," the Report states. "This matter was brought to your notice last year, when the necessity for a new service reservoir at Kowloon City was emphasised."

"I need only state now that this reservoir, together with the necessary connecting mains, is urgently required and that steps to enable construction should be commenced at the earliest possible moment."

"It is accepted in Great Britain that water works resources should maintain a five years lead over requirements. If this practice is to be applied in Hongkong, and there seems every reason why it should be, the only solution is to seek fresh sources of supply in the New Territories."

ANOTHER JUBILEE DAM?
"The Tai Lam Chung Valley, lying a few miles East of Castle Peak, is known to possess considerable water possibilities and to contain a basin which might be found suitable for a very large storage reservoir."

"In view of the present position, the investigation of this valley, with a view to ascertaining its storage possibilities, water value, etc., is recommended."

TAP TAIMOSHAN SLOPES
Approving in principle the recommendations made by Messrs. Woodward and Purves, the Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, strongly supports the proposal for the construction of new Shing Mun Catchwaters draining the southern slopes of Taimoshan and discharging through Pineapple Pass into the Jubilee Reservoir. This work is estimated to cost approximately \$1,500,000, and would add approximately 4½ million gallons a day to existing supplies.

The Director of Public Works reveals that the opening of the new Queen Mary Hospital has necessitated arrangements for the supply of 100,000 gallons daily to that institution. This supply comes from the Island Middle Level Reservoirs, and will impose such a strain on existing pumps at Pokfulam Road Station that further extensions will become necessary.

The proposals for works which should be pushed on as early as possible are as follows:

ISLAND AND HARBOUR
Supply Mains and Pumping Stations \$ 100,000
Improvement and Protection of Harbour Pipe-lines 240,000
New 18in Harbour Pipe-line 290,000
New Filtration Plant at Eastern 300,000
Additions to distribution system 100,000
Total Island \$1,120,000

MAINLAND
Shing Mun—Taimoshan Catchwater—Jubilee Reservoir to Kowloon \$1,500,000
Supply Mains to Kowloon 200,000
Tsai Reservoir 290,000
Additions to Distribution system 75,000
Total Mainland \$2,065,000

Total expenditure recommended as urgently required is \$3,185,000. In addition, it is recommended that \$100,000 be expended on a new Service Reservoir at Kowloon City, and \$250,000 for Supply Mains to this reservoir.

I would stress the urgent necessity for the above works—if restriction of supply is not again to become an annual occurrence in the Colony," Mr. Henderson concludes.

"Black Out" Offenders

I.G.P. Says Orders Must Be Obeyed

"The purpose of taking out the summonses is not to secure appreciable penalties, but to bring home to the public the need to observe orders issued by the Governor-in-Council," said the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector-General of Police, when several residents were summoned for offences in connection with the recent "Black Out" order.

Mr. King added that in all the cases in question the lights were brilliant and obvious, particularly one which could be seen from The Peak. As this was the first time that such an order was made, he thought a caution to be more careful in future would be sufficient.

The Magistrate, Mr. Schofield, however, imposed a fine of \$1 on the following defendants:

L. E. N. Ryan, of Hongkong Club Annex, top floor, Mr. H. N. Chau appeared for defendant and pleaded guilty;

The King's Dispensary, which was represented by Mr. H. C. Lee, who said the fault lay with the order due to the fault of the employees;

Luon Yat-tuen, of the Kam Lung Restaurant;

S. Naran, of the Taj Mahal Silk Store;

M. S. Lau, of the Hongkong Furniture Co.;

Fok Too, of the Yellow Dragon Curio Shop; and

Lachi Ram, of the Sobraj Jhanatmal & Co.

EXTENDING KOWLOON HOUSING

H.K. Engineering And Construction Co. Expansion Plan

Presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., today, Mr. J. P. Braga referred at length to the development of the Company's residential estate in Kowloon. He indicated the progress already made and plans for the provision of more detached and semi-detached houses, and remarked that the scheme provided the residential area of Kowloon with several types of buildings which would form a valuable asset to the Company and offer patrons housing accommodation pleasing in aesthetic exterior and meeting the most exacting requirements in interior lay-out.

Addressing the meeting the Chairman said: "Your Directors regret that it has not been possible to present you with an account that might have been accompanied by the pleasing announcement of a dividend at the conclusion of this meeting. Satisfaction may, however, be derived from the fact that the operating expenses of your undertaking were kept within your earnings. It is when the various appropriations and what we consider to be advisable depreciations have been made that the showing is one of the adverse balance of \$1,223.84. Dividends unclaimed for more than five years, amounting to \$1,041.30, have been forfeited. A Reserve Item of \$15,175.12 has been transferred to Profit & Loss Account, and does not now appear in the Balance Sheet. This transfer has been utilised to augment the amount appropriated for depreciation and in this respect the Board has had the benefit of the technical advice of the Company's auditors in the manner of the presentation of the Accounts under consideration."

KEEN COMPETITION
Much as the Board would have liked to be able to address you to-day in a different keynote from the refrain of a somewhat monotonous regularity in recent years, it is a matter for sincere regret that the Directors have again to remark on the keenness of competition which we have had to face and tried to overcome during the period under review. For this reason you could not have expected, I think, that their fees by half the amount they are entitled to, thus lightening expenditure by a sum of \$4,000.

In one particular branch of the manufacturing business, which had been fairly remunerative in the past, the Board did its best to secure a contract for the current year's supply on a basis of profit that, we thought, might have proved unobtainable. In this connection we have to admit disillusionment, however. Much to our regret, our tender was not accepted.

Several invitations to tender for substantial construction contracts during the year. Tempting as the invitations appeared to be, they needed very careful consideration, and in the end it was with some reluctance that the Board came to the conclusion to leave well alone. In the light of subsequent events, the decision was one on which we may now congratulate ourselves; for the sudden world-wide demand for fabricated steel, round steel bars and metal manufactures generally has led almost to a famine in this part of the world. No relief from this acute situation is apparent at the moment.

CONFUSION PREVAILS
Moreover, the uncertainty of deliveries when it was possible to book earlier orders, and the constant rapid rise of prices, would have rendered the fulfilment of explicit obligations under any large contract a matter of serious anxiety, not to mention unanticipated losses, which ordinary foresight could not possibly have provided against. Little short of a prophecy, the prevailing conditions are such as to make "confusion worse confounded," it is not difficult to realise, therefore, that the business of contracting in the peculiar conditions now appertaining to this Colony are fraught with unforeseeable dangers which can easily resolve themselves into hazardous risks which a cautious policy must refuse to take.

These remarks lead me to refer to the wisdom of the shareholders when, at the extraordinary general meeting on August 31, 1931, you decided to embark on a scheme of land purchase, development and house construction for which it became a pleasant duty for me to turn to-day on behalf of the Board. It gives me very great pleasure to inform you that the site formation of your valuable Estate within K.I.L. 2657 was practically completed at the end of last year, except for a portion of face cutting on a site which had been designed for the erection of storage tanks for non-potable water for domestic purposes. This was before permission was obtainable for drawing water from the Government mains for the water-carriage system forming part of the complete scheme. While three houses and a bungalow have been completed for the Company, and all are occupied, another has been constructed for a private owner. A block of six semi-detached houses will be finished, we hope, before the end of May this year. Piling for foundations for a detached house of the larger type has been done, and buildings of the walls forthwith proceeded with.

MORE HOUSES
Plans for more houses of the detached and semi-detached types are under preparation, also completed drawings with detailed plans for another bungalow—a type of building which finds so much favour with potential tenants. As yet no buildings on the south-western portion of the

No Licences For Poison

Fines Imposed On Local Firms

Messrs. Loxley and Company were fined \$150 by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning on three summonses for possession of poison without a licence.

Pleading guilty on behalf of defendants, Mr. W. M. Brown said the agency held by his clients in connection with the poison was hardly worth holding. They were now trying to transfer the agency to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, who, however, had not yet obtained the services of a qualified chemist.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said there were 25 different types of poison found on defendants' premises; but 22 of them had been removed to the godowns of Messrs. Watson and Company. The remaining three types for which the summonses were taken out were of considerable quantity, the total value being \$1,100.

Besides imposing the fines mentioned, His Worship made an order for confiscation, to be carried out after 14 days.

The poisons in question were (1) an admixture or preparation of strychnine, arsenite and sodium carbonate having the trade name of "Tricoleline"; (2) poisonous alkaloid known as atropine, having the trade name of "Genatropine"; and (3) an admixture or preparation of Strophantus having the trade name of "Oubaine."

On a summons of having a poisonous alkaloid known as ephedrine having the trade name of "Rhinitol," Banker and Company were fined \$50 by Mr. K. Keen in the next Court. Defendant's representative undertook to hand over the poison to Mr. Abbott, and consequently an order for confiscation was not applied for.

Owing to the death of defendant, eight similar summonses against Choi Kuei-nin, manager of the Yuen On Company, of 113 Wing Lok Street, were withdrawn. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Sr., appeared for the Company.

IRON AND STEEL

London, Apr. 13.

The production of steel ingots and castings in Great Britain in March amounted to 1,109,500 tons, compared with 985,000 tons the month before and 980,000 tons the year before.

The output of pig iron in March was 680,300 tons, compared with 603,700 tons the month before and 633,600 tons the year before.—British Wireles.

Estate. This stage of development has to await the provision of such essential services as water and drainage. When this has been supplied, attention will be devoted to that part of your property to make it revenue earning.

Your Directors feel that in your land development and building scheme you are operating on a safe ground. While results may not appear spectacular, we have no hesitation in stating that your present undertaking is providing the residential area of Kowloon with several types of buildings which form a real and valuable asset of your Company, while they add to its patrons housing accommodation pleasing in aesthetic exterior and meeting the most exacting requirements in interior lay-out, with modern appliances like electric water-heaters and refrigerators, which are such indispensable conveniences of up-to-date homes. In this connection the China Light & Power Co.'s special rate for electric hot water heaters and thermal storage cookers should go far to popularise the use of these domestic appliances.

Judging by the number of inquiries constantly reaching us, the prospect is definitely encouraging that there will be eager tenants for the additional houses the Company is about to build as soon as occupation permits for them are issued by the Building Authority.

STAFF TRIBUTED

The ungrudging co-operation of the members of the staff so cheerfully given at all times must be matter of favourable comment and grateful recognition. Many have been the occasions when our staff have had to work into the late hours of an evening when there were urgent and pressing duties to perform beyond the ordinary day's routine. The answer to such calls has been a ready response by efficient and prompt service rendered, which I feel it incumbent on me to acknowledge on the one occasion afforded to us each year, and to those to whom the Board's appreciation is due.

I have now fairly reviewed the essential features of the Company's activities during the past year, and before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I would just like to say that if any shareholder desires any further information I hope to be able to make up my omission after the Chairman's motion has been seconded. I now formally move the report for the year ended December 31, 1936, as presented be adopted and passed."

Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded, and the motion was carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Messrs. M. H. Lo and J. Scott Harston were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the motion of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, seconded by Mr. S. C. Sun.

On the motion of Mr. M. H. Lo seconded by Mr. H. R. Sculera, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathews were re-elected auditors.

Those present were Mr. J. P. Braga (Chairman), Messrs. J. Scott Harston, Lawrence Kadoorie, M. H. Lo and F. T. Lo (Directors), Hugh Braga (General Works Manager), B. Alves (Secretary), and Messrs. H. R. Sculera, S. C. Sun, E. Salmat and A. M. Braga (shareholders).



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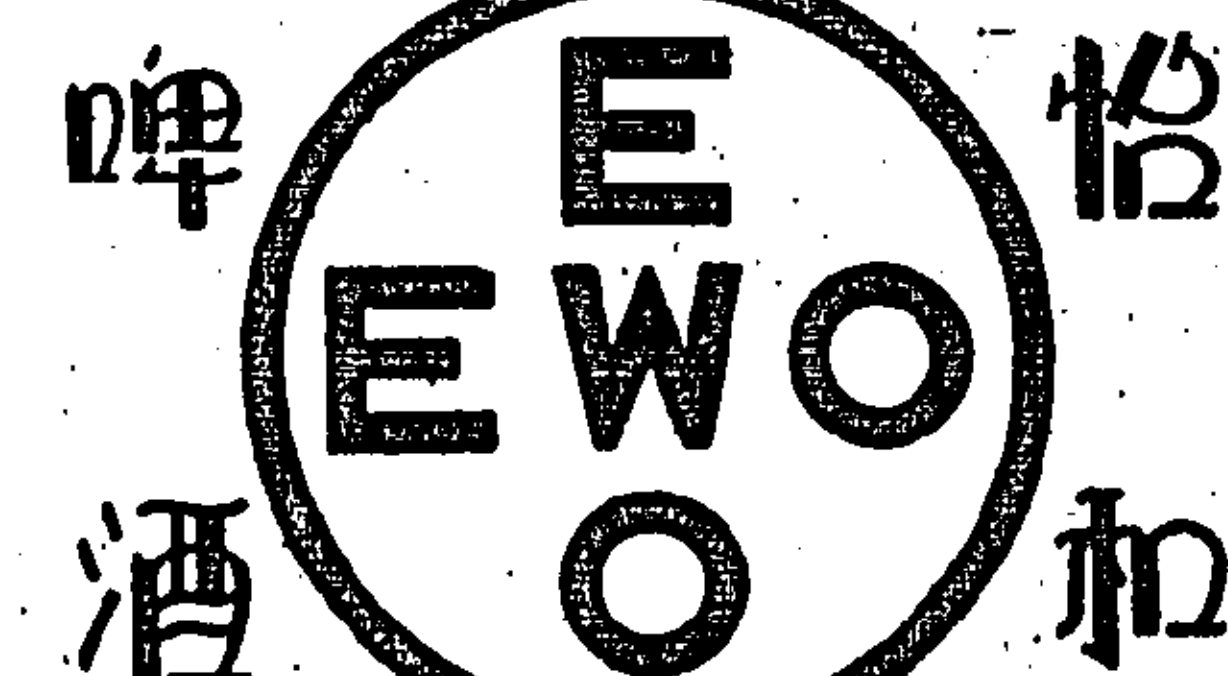
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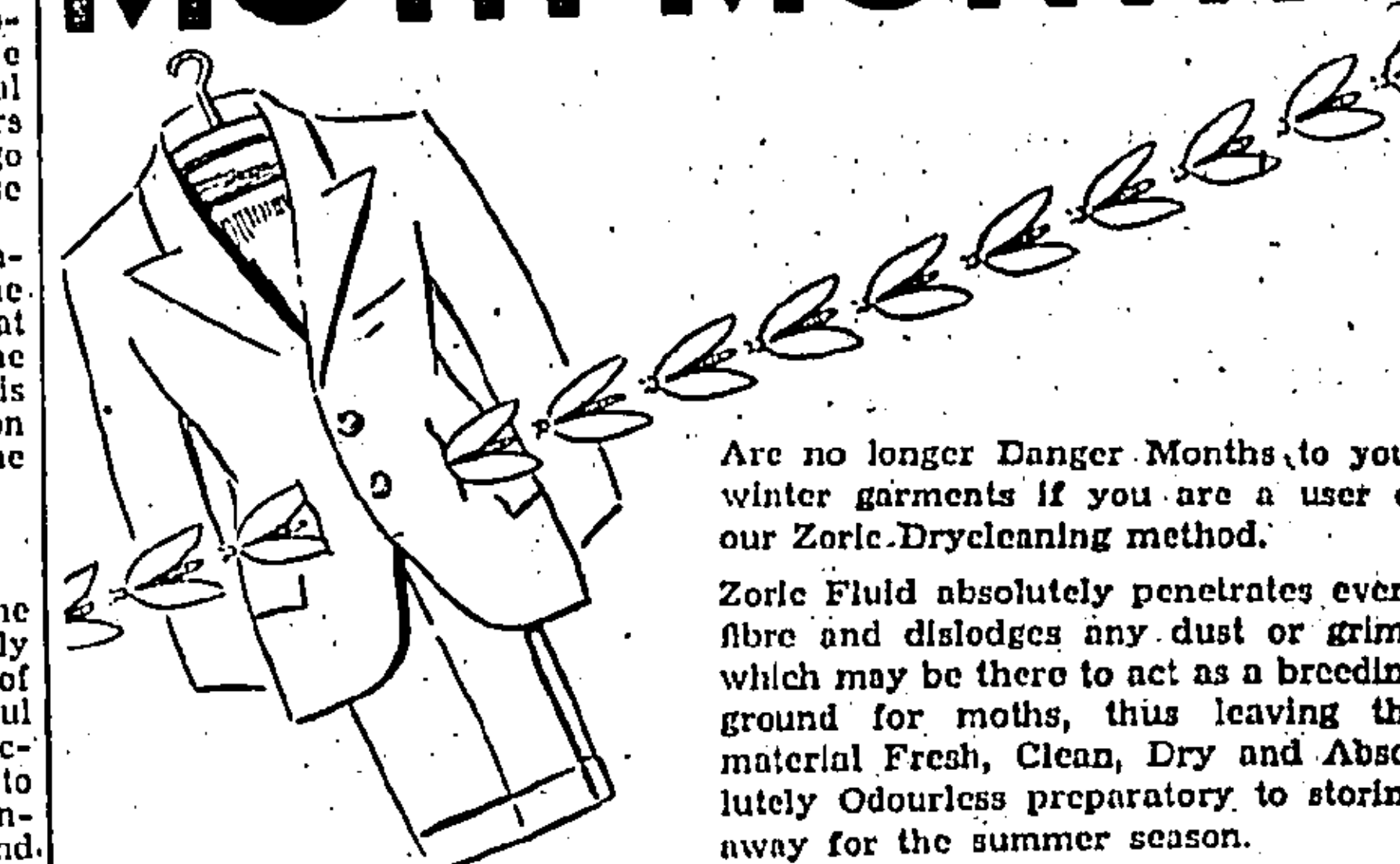
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Shute Senior And Junior Make A Brave Exit From Colony Tennis Championship

WIN FIRST SET FROM A CARELESS OPPOSITION

Hung And Fincher Never Touched Best Form

(By "Veritas")

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung beat E. L. H. Shute and K. Shute 6-8, 6-0, 6-1.

FOR one set in this men's doubles championship quarter-final match on the stand court yesterday, the Shute combination played with such commendable steadiness and enterprise that they had the eventual winners in rare difficulties. They deservedly won the set at 8-6 before Fincher and Hung started to play anything like the game expected of them.

Once started, however, they brooked no further interference. Ten games in succession fell to their rackets, and it was only a valiant solo effort by young Kenneth Shute on service which enabled the losers to avoid a second love-set defeat.

There was a sort of smugness about the early play of Fincher and Hung—Hung in particular—which met its just reward. Indifference in stroke making and movement about the court will seldom contribute towards success, especially when it is attempted at the expense of two very keen players. The winners had to pull themselves together after that first set. Then they played more like the Fincher and Hung we have come to know.

HUNG'S SLOW START

Perhaps it is that Hung is invariably a slow starter, but in this match he certainly took a long time to settle down. If he had to make more than two successive strokes it was odds on that he would commit a blunder off the third. The Shute partnership soon discovered how to exploit this. They concentrated their best length shots on Hung, alternating these with dipping drives which landed at his feet, and the immediate result was a drop of points.

Neither was Fincher too happy in these earlier phases of the game, though of the two he was immeasurably superior. As the game developed so Fincher improved. In the second and final sets his overhead functioned to perfection, and no matter how high the Shutes tossed the ball, Fincher made his smashes to the corners.

Hung gathered confidence after the first set, but at no time did he display form sufficient to mark him as a possible Colony champion. His smashes apart from a few made on top of the net, were comparatively easy to pick up and though he some-

times found gaps down the middle of the court for a well placed volley, this stroke brought about more errors than points.

HONOURS TO KENNETH

Chief honours appropriately go to Kenneth Shute who played his finest game to date in Hongkong. Had his father poached a little less it might have been a closer result. Kenneth was in fine driving form and lobbed magnificently sending the opposition back to three-quarter court every time. His service was a pleasure to watch, the first delivery—a good fast one at that—usually being good.

Father Shute was at his best in the first set, when he forced errors from the opposition either with his speedy top-spin drives which dipped sharply and at an angle, or with admirably judged lobs. The point which gave him and his son the first set was just about as ideal a job seen in Hongkong, the ball completely baffling Fincher and falling on the baseline.

Later Shute senior deteriorated and made less confident shots against a pair who were forcing matters. Also he displayed faulty judgment at times in going across the court to take shots which should have been left to Shute junior.

Though Fincher and Hung, playing better as the games were recited off, won ten in a row, they had to play hard for the points and several of the games went to deuce. In the fifth game of the final set, Kenneth Shute made a supreme effort to stem the tide and with a series of excellent service deliveries, followed by volleys and smashes, succeeded in his quest. It was a dazzling effort for a player of such tender years.

But there success stopped. Fincher and Hung sailed gaily to their points in the next two games and entered the semi-final.

KWOK IN SEMI-FINAL

Frank Kwok toyed with Y. C. Lau to enter the semi-final of the singles championship. He won 6-3, 6-0, and was never extended. Kwok meets either H. D. Rumjahn or Leong Ping-chiu in the next round. I think he is bound to lose to Rumjahn, but if Leong is his opponent, he will have a reasonable chance of winning.

A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva found it necessary to concede a walk-over to Wong Fuk-nam and Lui Kwai-fun in the third round of the men's doubles. Rodrigues injured his hand recently in a hockey match and yesterday discovered the ball was out of place and that it could not use a racket.

Diamonds For Tennis!

New Lawn Tennis Association colours for Davis and Wightman Cup matches.

Diamonds for women! They will be presented with a jewelled arrow brooch, with the initials "G.B. v. U.S.A." in diamonds. New awards to Davis Cup players include a blazer and tie, O. E. Hare and F. H. D. Wilde have received recognition—a British blazer and badge, and an England badge.

L.T.A. have made a £300 grant to the Public Schools Association for coaching this season; also £150 to the Cambridge Association to institute a coaching scheme at Cambridge college clubs.

THE U.S. HAVE BIG DAVIS CUP AMBITIONS

(By Henry Super)

United Press Staff Correspondent

New York.

Holcombe Ward, new president of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, sat in the office of his woolen business and said:

1. Winning the Davis Cup is not important to development of tennis.
2. It is not alarming that the professional promoters are successfully raiding the amateur ranks.
3. The competition for the Davis Cup this year should be a three-way battle among the United States, Australia and Germany.

Ward who played on the first American Davis Cup team in 1900, has two ambitions in his new job. For years he refused to head the tennis association. He felt that because of his business interests he could not do justice to the task. Now, that he finally is president, he has two major ambitions.

"The first," he said, "is to develop tennis throughout the country—to interest smaller clubs in joining the U.S.L.T.A. We are devoting considerable time and thought to this because we feel if the smaller clubs get into the organization it will help to spread the sport. The second is to develop younger players. We want to bring out a lot of boys who consider tennis a real amateur sport and play it because they like it."

JUNIOR DAVIS CUP SQUAD

Ward's organization is inaugurating this season the idea of a junior Davis cup squad. This spring, in a dozen big cities, squads of players from 15 to 20 years of age will begin training under competent coaches. With the lure of the Davis cup urging them on, the youngsters will take more than a passing interest in the game.

"The cup," Ward said, "is not important as a trophy. But it is a grand incentive. I don't agree with theorists who hold that loss of a cup means a decline in a nation's tennis fortunes. If one holds the cup to longer, younger players become discouraged because they feel they haven't a chance to make the team. I'd prefer to see a country keep the cup two years, and then lose it. This would serve to liven up competition in that country."

Discussing professionalism, Ward said:

"In one way, it has a beneficial effect. The game suffers when two or three players remain at the top year after year. Many promising youngsters become discouraged. With the champions seeking professional fields, however, new blood breaks into the amateur picture and the result is a healthy one."

About the 1937 Davis Cup:

"Having lost Fred Perry, England probably will part company with the cup. It looks like a toss-up among this country, Australia, and Germany. We should have a better team than we had last year as the result of additional experience. Like England, however, we must find a capable man to lead. Don Budge shapes up as our big hope. After that it's hard to discriminate among Gene Mako, Bobby Riggs, Joe Hunt, Frank Parker and Bryan Grant."

MERLIN ON WIMBLEDON PROSPECTS

ONLY TWO WITH ANY CHANCE OF WINNING

(By A Lawn Tennis Correspondent)

It is refreshing occasionally to get an outside view on the merits and demerits of the principal players of the day. Commenting on an article of mine on "The Coronation Wimbledon," in *The Observer* a fortnight ago, Andre Merlin, the young French player who made such a gallant effort to save the Davis Cup for his country when Great Britain won it four years ago, has a very definite point of view of his own, which he embodies in a long and interesting letter.

In my article I had written that I considered the forthcoming championship singles at Wimbledon, both men's and women's, to be far more "open" than they had been for many years past. The disappearance of Perry from the field has done away altogether with that feeling, almost of hopelessness, that must have been experienced by most even of the best players during the last year or two; and with an entry comprising D. Budge, S. B. Wood, B. M. Grant, and perhaps F. Parker from the U.S.A., J. H. Crawford, A. K. Quist, V. B. McGrath, and J. Bromwich from Australia, N. Farquharson (one of Perry's conquerors) from South Africa; J. Yamaguchi from Japan, our own Austin, and a crowd of Continental players, comprising G. von Cramm and H. Henkel of Germany, B. Destremau, and perhaps the great Borotra himself from France, R. Menzel, perhaps, K. Schroeder, and others, it seemed to me that to pick the ultimate winner from so strong, varied, and open a field would be quite impossible.

Merlin, however, is far more selective. He is surprised that the future champions were not pointed out with more precision, and writes "Two men having a chance of success, G. von Cramm and D. Budge, and even then Budge seems to have a much better chance; he beat Perry twice last year, and the nice German is pursued by hard luck since several years. Any other result than Budge's or perhaps von Cramm's victory would certainly be the consequence of illness, or injury. I agree with the names of Quist and Austin as probable semi-finalists, though they can be threatened by Menzel, Borotra (if, as is hoped here, he plays in the singles for the fourteenth time), G. Grant, J. Bromwich, and perhaps the most dangerous, my twenty-year-old fellow, B. Destremau. But none of them has in my view, the slightest chance against Budge and von Cramm."

The opinion of so fine a player as Andre Merlin must carry weight; but at the same time it may be pointed out that Budge has already been beaten twice this year by Grant, at Miami and Tampa, and that Grant has been beaten this year by Parker, at New Orleans. Von Cramm has played little at present this year, but on his late summer form last year he is evidently not invincible. I still, in fact, consider this men's championship to be an extremely open event.

With regard to the women's singles, Merlin would be "awfully surprised if Frau Sperling does not win the title, in spite of Miss A. Marble, Miss H. Jacobs, Miss Round, Mme. Mathieu, Miss Wynne, and Miss Jedrejowka." Here, I think, the Frenchman is on sounder ground. Yet Frau Sperling, magnificent player as she is, has always failed when the supreme test came at Wimbledon: it is not one of her lucky grounds, and luck counts, psychologically, for a great deal more than most people allow.

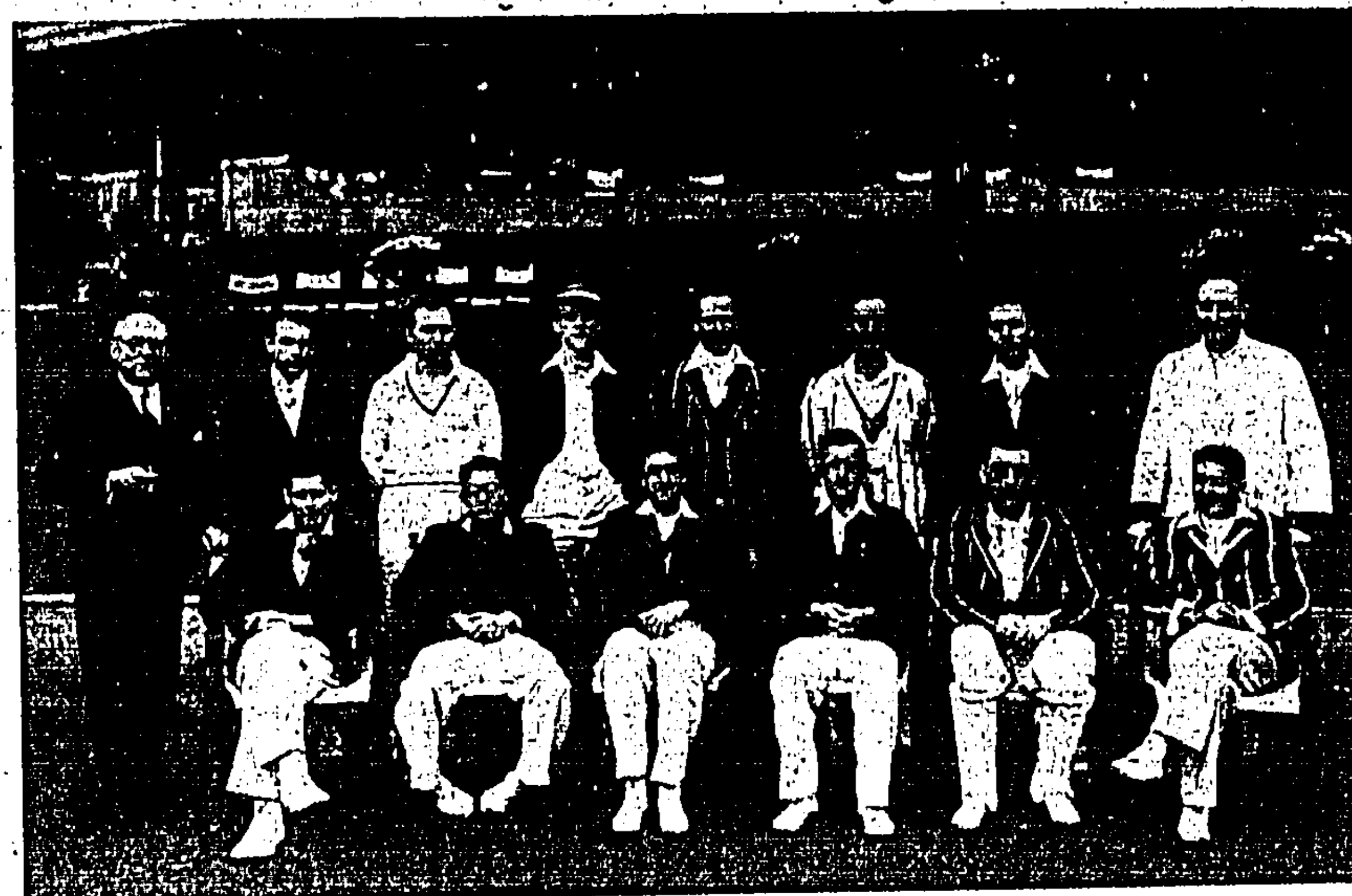
M. Merlin does not take Mrs. Willis-Moody or Senorita Lizana into account at all. But neither a woman who has won seven times nor one of the Chilean class, who is desperately keen to win for the first time, can I think, safely be left out of the reckoning.

Davis Cup Matches To Be Played At Forest Hills

New York.

The first Davis Cup matches in five years will be played at Forest Hills historic courts this spring when the North American zone finals, expected to be Australia versus United States—are held at West Side Tennis Club May 29-30-31.

In announcing the site, Chairman Walter L. Pate of the committee on management, said the selection had been made at the request of the Australian team departing from Sydney March 16.



JUNIOR CRICKET CHAMPIONS. Here is the Kowloon Cricket Club second eleven which won the junior cricket league this year. Standing (left to right), R. P. Phillips (scorer), F. Zimmerman, R. Baldwin, K. M. Baxter, G. A. V. Hall, C. B. R. Sargent, R. T. Broadbridge and T. Carr. Sitting: S. A. Gray, W. C. Hung, A. A. Dand (Captain), W. Mulcahy (Sub-Captain), W. L. McKenzie and T. A. Madar. (Photo: Mee Chong).

Colony Tennis Championships

RUMJAHN MUST HUSTLE LEONG PING-CHIU TO WIN TO-DAY

Youth Versus Experience Doubles Match

(By "Veritas")

H. D. Rumjahn, who is expected to reach the final of the Colony singles tennis championship, will have an opportunity this afternoon of revealing precisely what is his current form when he meets Leong Ping-chiu, conqueror of Lee Wai-tong, on the stand court.

This is a quarter-final engagement and considerable interest is vested in it.

Leong has off, proved himself to be one of the finest defensive players in the Colony, the real strength of his defence lying in the fact that when opportunity arises he can also attack and score outright points.

But with all his qualities as a baseline player and as one mature in the more subtle tactics of the game, I do not think he will prevent Rumjahn from winning in straight sets. Leong is only thoroughly dangerous when he is given plenty of time in which to make his shots. While he can be deliberate in his placements he is a threat to the best of players. But if Rumjahn hustles him, as undoubtedly he will try to do, then I imagine we shall see Leong's resistance break down very much more quickly.

Tennis craft will play an important part in this match which should be highly interesting.

DOUBLES ATTRACTION

For those who prefer to watch doubles instead of singles, a match is being put into the No. 9 court which promises to provide rich entertainment. Ng Sze-kwong, one time Czar of all the tennis players in Hongkong, partnered by another famous "old timer," Hon Luen-fung, is matched against A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios, leading Club de Recreio players.

This is a test of Youth v. Experience and I certainly don't feel inclined to make categorical statements.

On the likely outcome of the match, Gosano and Remedios are said to be playing better now than ever before, but it has been noticeable that they are apt to fall below form in the crucial tests. Most certainly they cannot afford to concede anything in this match. Ng and Hon will most likely attack their overhead. Gosano can be very weak in his smashing as he was for a set and a half against Liang and Kwok. Remedios is the more capable of the two, and it will not pay the opposition to feed his volley.

The full programme for this afternoon follows:

OPEN SINGLES

H. D. Rumjahn v. Leong Ping-chiu (Stand Court)

OPEN DOUBLES

A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v. Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fung

CLUB SINGLES

J. Thomson v. A. L. Sullivan

G. W. Sewell v. W. M. Barton

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

M. Pagh v. G. Smith

H. Owen-Hughes v. A. K. Mackenzie

Wong Mee-shun Suspended For Nine Months

Following the Football Emergency Committee Meeting last night, Wong Mee-shun, of South China, was suspended till December 31.

Other suspensions were—Kwok Ying-sang, (S. China) W. Maher (Recreio) until the end of the season, and P. Castro (St. Joseph's) until December 1, 1937.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Fusiliers Defeat Team From Tamar

In a United Hockey Tournament match at the Navy Ground, King's Park, yesterday afternoon, a team from the Royal Welch Fusiliers beat H.M.S. Tamar by three goals to one. Play was scrappy and uninteresting. Fus. Corner (3); and L/Cpl. Bruton scored for the soldiers, and Sgm. Tozer for the Tamar.

AN EPIC BOAT RACE

London Beat Thames in Record Time

(By C. Venables)

The Grand crews of London Rowing Club and Thames Rowing Club had one of the finest races ever seen on the tidalway when, in place of the annual Head of the River championship, they raced from Putney to Putney. London won by 3/4 length, and made a new record of 18min. 12sec. for the course on the ebb tide. The old one of 18min. 27sec. was made in 1897 by Harcourt Golds Oxford crew. Conditions were nearly ideal.

London chose the Surrey station, and both struck 38 in the first minute and Thames, with the bend slightly in their favour, went all out to gain the lead before Barnes Bridge. In the second minute Thames were going 36 and London 35, and at Barnes Bridge Thames were 3 feet ahead.

On the long bend to Hammersmith London should have gained appreciably, but their coxswain allowed Thames to push him close to the Surrey bank and lose some of the tide, so that at the Stork London were a bare half a length up. Thames then spurred and crept up inch by inch, so that at Harrods they were dead level again, both crews rowing 32.

Thames tackled the head wind at this point rather better than London, and at the Mile Post they were a canvas ahead, and in another hundred yards they had increased their advantage to about half a length. Then came London's second spurt to 36, and at the lower end of the football ground they were level, with little more than half a mile to the finish. Thames answered at 35, but opposite the Boat Houses London were a canvas up. In the last minute Thames made a huge effort, rowing 40 strokes, but London at 38 were still gaining slowly, and they reached Putney Bridge about three-quarters of a length ahead.

Crews:
London R.C.—O. L. R. Hills (bow), D. R. Jardine, J. Pinches, A. D. Phelps, M. P. Lee, A. D. Fraser, T. R. M. Bristow, E. S. Beasley (stroke), H. D. Winkworth (cox).
Thames R.C.—R. R. Bradley (bow), H. M. Young, R. T. Cowper, J. A. Maclean, A. J. Hutton-Squire, A. P. Brown, J. Burrough, H. E. G. Watts (stroke), J. G. Dearlove (cox).

PONY CLASSIFICATIONS

The following alterations in the classification of race ponies has been made by the Hongkong Jockey Club: China Ponies—Bright View to class, Morning Trip to D class.

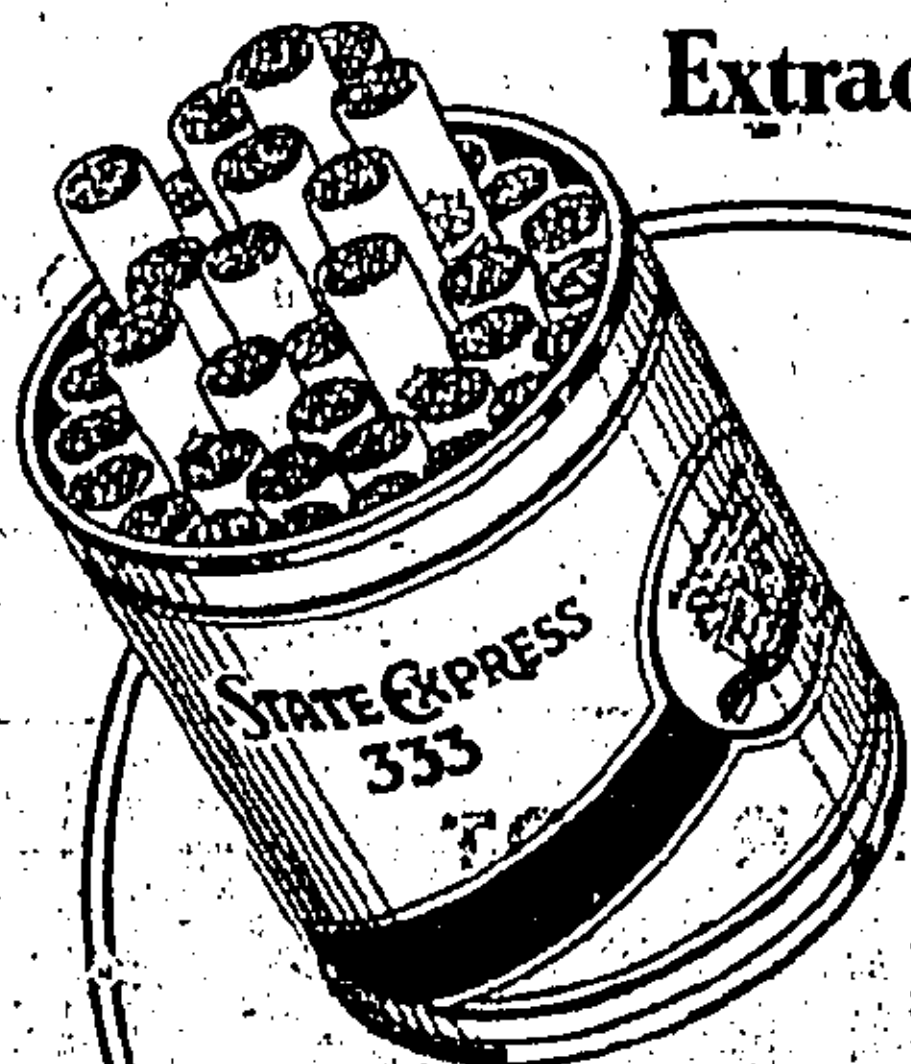
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CLERK ADMITS TAKING MONEY PROMISE TO MAKE RECOMPENSE

LI Ka-lok, aged 23, a clerk employed by the Tai Kwong Yat Po, appeared on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with having on October 8, 1936, made a false entry in a cash book belonging to the firm purporting to show that \$50 had been paid for newspaper print on that date.

Mr. Peter H. Sim, who appeared for LI, asked permission to withdraw a plea of guilty and substitute one of not guilty.

A little later, after consultation with his client, Mr. Sim intimated that he would plead guilty. He said LI had been employed by the firm for about 18 months, had an unblemished character, and his conduct was considered satisfactory. His father became ill last year and LI had misappropriated from \$200 to \$300 from his employers for medicine, but his father subsequently died.

Mr. W. M. Brown, who appeared for the prosecution, pointed out that a sum of \$800 or more had not been accounted for by the firm. Since August last year, defendant had taken various sums and the firm would like an example to be made of defendant.

Speaking for himself, LI said he had always been contented with his employment, and was trusted by his employers. He had been pressed for money because of his father's illness, and also on account of his own eye trouble. Defendant could refund all the money, and the firm had promised to allow him three months to do so.

Under the circumstance, his Worship imposed a fine of \$250, or two months' hard labour, on defendant.

NEGRO TORTURED TO DEATH

By Vicious Missouri Lynching Mob

Duck Hills, Apr. 13. It is reported that a mob, suspecting two negroes of theft and murder, have tortured one to death, shot another and beaten a third severely.

The two slain men are Roosevelt Townes, 25, and "Boojack" McDaniel, 26. They were suspected of robbing and murdering a storekeeper, George Windham, on December 30.

Townes was tortured with a blowtorch and finally was burned to death. McDaniel was shot to death. A third negro, who apparently was not even connected with the alleged crime, was severely beaten.

It is said that Townes confessed to the murder.—United Press.

OVERLAPPING IN PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

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enforcement and observance of the various ordinances relating to the public health as laid down in the Urban Council Ordinance.

The Sanitary Inspectors were not grouped under the Health Officers as laid down in section 6 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance but continued to carry on as they had done under the Public Health and Building Ordinance of 1903, that is, they remained responsible to the Chairman direct through his Chief Sanitary Inspector and not to the Health Officers as was intended in the scheme.

"This part of the scheme, probably the most important of all, has failed to mature, and cannot mature until the Director's deputy for health, whose appointment was asked for and approved by the Secretary of State, is added to the staff."

FOG OR RAIN

The anticyclone remains unchanged over the Pacific to the east of Japan. A weak anticyclone has developed over the Yangtze Valley and a depression is moving eastward over South Manchuria. A shallow depression covers Indo-China. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate, cloudy with mist, fog or light rain.

GERMAN PROTEST

Vatican City, Apr. 14. The German Ambassador has presented to Cardinal Pacelli a formal protest in connection with the Palm Sunday encyclical, but details are not divulged.—United Press.

GOVERNOR REVIEWS COLONY PROBLEMS IN VALEDICTORY SPEECH

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new or increased subsidies from the Treasury will inevitably arise. "Under 'Public Salaries' the appropriation of what are commonly known as 'standard time-scales' and rates current in the African Colonies is awaiting the final approval of the Secretary of State. Some consequential alterations in what I may call the 'mid-level scales' may be necessary, and also an overhaul of our present list of allowances. These matters are already under attention."

MUI-TSUI REPORT

"I think that everybody will agree that the Mui-tsuai Commissioners have deserved our thanks and our congratulations on a report which presents a full and faithful picture of the whole problem, and has already dispelled some of the obscurity of historical and factual detail in which it had become enveloped."

"Under the heading 'University' I again have to record inability to discuss with my advisers and with the Council of the University before I go the very valuable report of the Committee which I recently appointed to look into and advise regarding its affairs. Right through the report, of which I was kindly furnished with an advance copy, there will be found to run a sure and profound belief in the University, a belief of which I made personal profession not long ago in a message which I sent for the Orient Number of a British illustrated paper. I am happy in the anticipation that the committee's recommendations will be found to afford a basis for the University's continued success and development."

PUBLIC HEALTH

"I now come to the subject of 'Public Health', and must express my pleasure at having seen the completion of the Queen Mary Hospital and of the Wanchai market; also my pleasure that the doom of our old and unhygienic central market should have been precipitated in my time by the replacement by two modern markets will remove what has too long been both a danger and a disgrace."

"The latter word is, I regret to say, applicable also to the premises which are at present dignified by the name of 'Mental Hospital'. The opening of the Queen Mary and the closing of the old Civil Hospital will leave these premises marooned, and I commend to the attention of all concerned the necessity for their early replacement and for a change of site. Similar attention should be paid to the question of providing an adequate Infectious Diseases Hospital and to the prosecution of the scheme for a settlement, possibly on Lamna Island, for Hong-kong-born lepers."

MILK-PASTEURISATION

"It is probably general knowledge by now that the Urban Council, which is the rule-making authority, has been apprised of the Executive Council's agreement with Dr. Wellington's recommendation for the compulsory pasteurisation of milk."

I was indeed gratified when the Urban Council recently pressed for the retention of the Kowloon old magistracy site as an open space."

NEW AIRWAYS

"I am glad to have seen the inauguration of the Imperial and the China National air services to Hong-kong. The American Clipper Service is due to start within a month, and the Euxine Company is now knocking at our doorway in the skies which, I hope, will very shortly be thrown open to them. Hongkong is in fact now securely and permanently on the world's air map, and in capital letters too."

"Although the privilege has fallen to me of opening the Shing Mun Dam and the new Prison at Stanley I must nevertheless confess considerable uneasiness both as regards our water supply and our gaseous population."

I hope that the need for an anti-waste section of the Water Works Branch of the Public Works Department will not escape attention when the estimates for next year are under consideration."

His Excellency said the position regarding growing prison population needs very careful watching and he had therefore ordered the compilation of data on which a running review of it may be commenced and continued."

"Hongkong is a small place in which to find packed together so many large and important interests, the interests of a great port, of a great emporium, of a great fortress, and of a great multi-racial community. Without goodwill and sympathetic understanding the interplay of those interests might easily lead to friction and sectionalism. The contrary happily obtains. On the great stone which marks the completion of the Shing Mun reservoir there has been engraved the Latin title of a well known psalm. When your new City Hall is built I suggest that its foundation stone be engraved with another such title. It is Ecce Quam Bonum, and stands prefixed to the psalm which in the English authorised version begins, 'Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!'"

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7 p.m. A Programme of English Music.

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7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

Frasquita Serenade (Lehar); Si mes vers avaient des ailes (Hahn); "Faust" Fantasia (Gounod); Adore (West); Love everlasting (Friml); "The Land of Smiles" (Lehar); Patently smiling; You are my heart's delight.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.05 p.m. A Variety Programme. Accordion Solo—Woodland Flow-ers... Viljo Vestelinen; Humorous—Vic Oliver ambles on... Vic Oliver (Comedian); Vocal—"Born to Dance"—I've got you under my skin; Rap tap on wood... Frances Langford; Piano Solo—"The Student Prince" Serenade; The Desert Song... Tony Lowry; Vocal—"There's a new world" like Hatch; Instrumental—"Dip-somani... Spanish "Electric" Guitar Solo by Len Fills; Vocal—"I'm all alone" Webster Booth; Instrumental—"It's Love Again"—Fox Trot Medley; "The King Steps Out"—Waltz Medley... The Keyboarders; Instrumental—The World is waiting for the Sunrise... Len Fills (Hawaiian Guitar); Vocal—"Was you look tonight" Leslie Hutchinson; Humorous—"Bang! Bang! Bang!... Nellie Wallace (Comedienne); Accor-deon Band—Don't dingle dangle on the old Garden Wall... London Piano-Accordion Band; Vocal—"When did you leave heaven"—Frances Langford.

8.55 p.m. London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. Band Selections. Mirella—Overture (Gounod, arr. O'Donnell)... B.B.C. Wireless Military Band; Tidworth Tattoo—Sambra et Meuse March (Planquette); Tidworth March; Coburg March... Massed Bands of the Southern Com-mand; The Mill in the Black Forest; March of the Mountain Gnomes (Eilenberg)... Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

9.35 p.m. From the Studio. A Light Pianoforte Recital by Lillian Quinn, and Ivy Allen (Soprano).

1. Song—Off to the Greenwood... May Brahe; 2. Pianoforte—Selected; 3. Song—Butterfly Wings... Montague Phillips; 4. Pianoforte—Selected; 5. Song—Selected.

10 p.m. Big Ben. Dance Music. Fox Trot—Leave it to love; Fox Trot—That moment of moments; Fox Trot—Words without music; Quick-Step—Raggin' the scale; Quick-Step—Canadian Capers; Fox Trot—Sad little Angelina; Fox Trot—Sad little Blues to a wild Mustang; Waltz—Secret Rendezvous; The one rose; Fox Trot—Seat Singing Sue; Fox Trot—Oh by Jingo; Waltz—Throw open wide your window; Fox Trot—Star Dust; Fox Trot—Chinatown, my Chinatown; Fox Trot—Just Dance; Comedy Waltz—Dandelion, Daisy and Daffodil; Fox Trot—There's something in the wind; Fox Trot—The old oaken bucket; Waltz—Dear love, my love.

11 p.m. Close Down.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 24th April, 1937, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 15th April, 1937.

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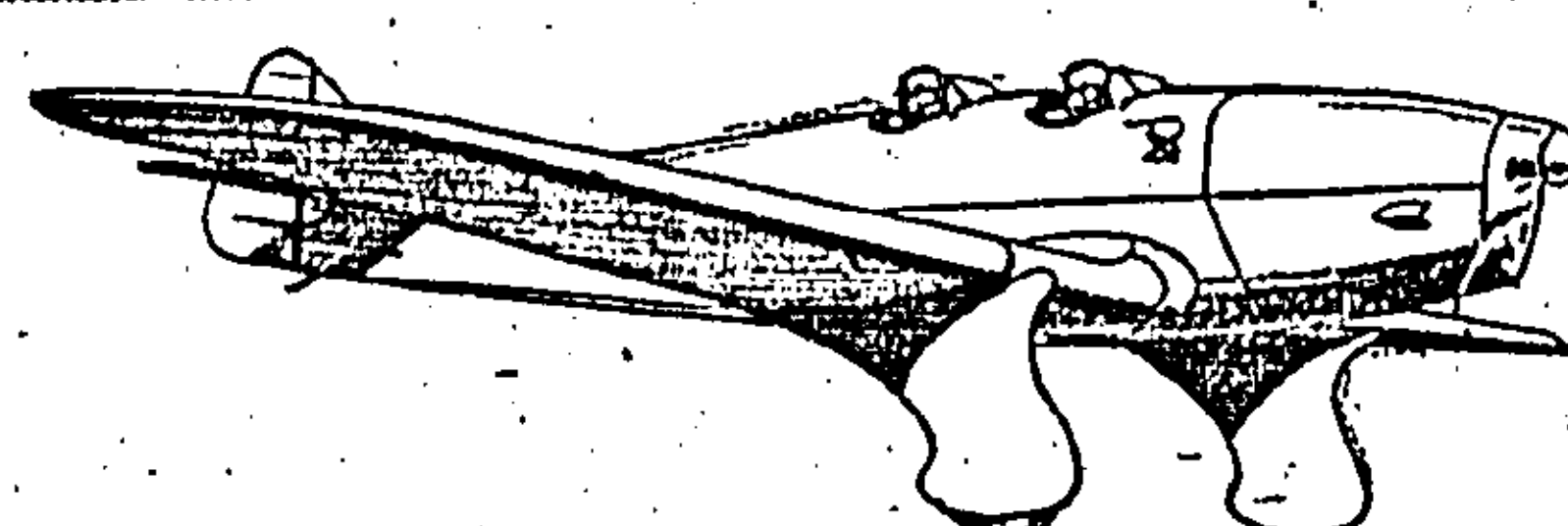
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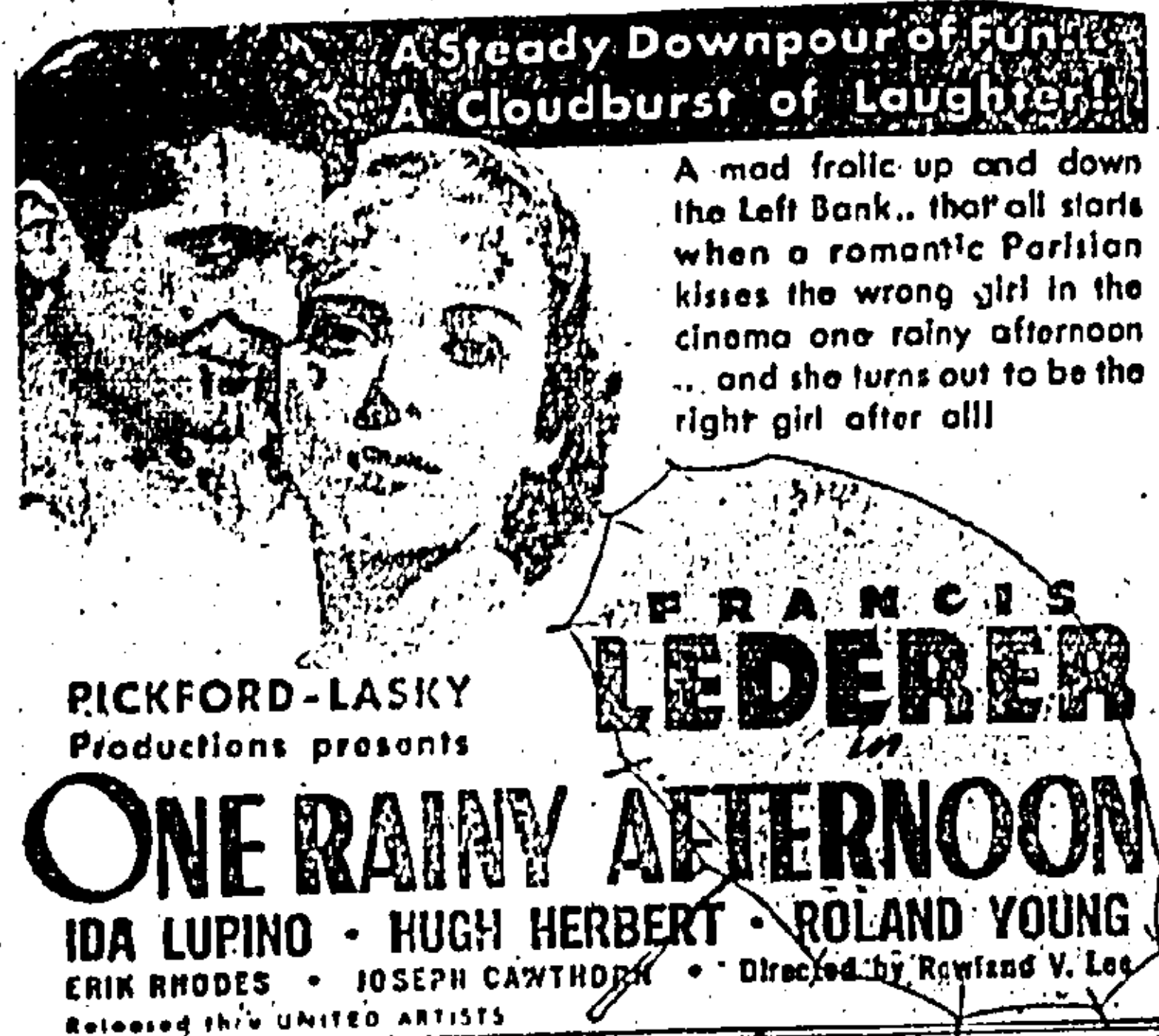
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DUTCHMEN WIN BIG CONTRACT

Canton's \$3,000,000 Harbour Project Tenders

British and Chinese Firms Disappointed

Canton, April 13.
Two big contracts in connection with the Whampoa Port Development scheme have been secured by the Netherlands Harbour Works, a Dutch concern, with head offices in Amsterdam.
The contracts, which total three million dollars, are for the dredging of the river and the building of wharves. They were called for on March 22, and, after consideration, the tenders submitted by the Netherlands Harbour Works were finally accepted, being signed by the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, who is concurrently Director of the Whampoa Conservancy Commission, and a representative of the successful company on Friday night.

Many concerns sent in tenders for the works, these including British, French, American and Chinese interests.
Alternative schemes were submitted by British and Chinese interests, which would have involved the use of local cement and labour for the piling of the wharves, instead of steel, the tenders stressing the point that not only would this method of construction result in a lessening of expenditure, but that cement would be found more durable than steel for this particular purpose.

Whilst the Netherlands Harbour Works has carried through many major construction projects in the Far East with great success, and the Company has gained a worldwide reputation for efficiency, there is a feeling of disappointment in Chinese contracting circles that the alternative schemes, involving the use of local cement and labour, have not been accepted.

It is also learned that British circles here have received advices from Hongkong expressing disappointment that the contracts have not gone to British interests, especially in view of the frequent declarations by Chinese officials in Canton strongly supporting Sino-British co-operation in reconstruction work in South China. Our Own Correspondent.

SUGAR CONFERENCE

London, Apr. 13.
The Bureau of the International Sugar Conference met this afternoon. An official communiqué states it took note of the progress made in the week of the sub-committee entrusted with negotiations with the delegations for the purpose of fixing a basis of agreement. These negotiations will continue for several days yet.—British Wireless.

CLYDE STRIKE SETTLEMENT SEEMS NEARER

West Scotland Yards Threaten Tie-Up

London, Apr. 13.

A more hopeful atmosphere prevails on the Clyde, where there are now 12,000 apprentices striking, following intervention by the Industrial Relations Department of the Ministry of Labour.

At the request of apprentices' representatives, Government officials are considering the situation in all its aspects, and they will place a proposal, the nature of which has not yet been revealed, before the shipbuilding employers and the Engineering Employees' Federation.

The main bone of contention now is not an increase of wages, but the refusal of the employers to recognise the right of the Unions to negotiate on behalf of the apprentices.

Unless the employers agree to a conference with the Unions by Wednesday, there will be a one-day strike in the West Scotland yards on Friday, involving 100,000 workers.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

YOUNG JAPANESE LOSES MEMORY

A Japanese, aged about 20, is lying in the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from complete loss of memory.

Efforts by police and Japanese consular officials to establish his identity, so far, have been unavailing.

He was walking down Chater Road yesterday afternoon when he suddenly collapsed outside Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s premises.

It is believed that he is a seaman from a Japanese vessel, but a check-up of the crews of ships in port yesterday has so far failed to bring to light any clue.

SECRETARY FOR BURMA

London, Apr. 13.
The Marquis of Zetland received the seals of office as Secretary of State for Burma at a Privy Council Meeting held at Windsor Castle today.—British Wireless.

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London, Apr. 14.

The booming of artillery heralded the launching of the giant aircraft carrier, H.M.S. Ark Royal, to-day.

The vessel is 700 feet in length and has a greater deck-spread than any other aircraft carrier afloat. She cost £3,000,000.

Lady Hoare, who named the ship, had to try four times before she succeeded in breaking a bottle of champagne on the vessel's side.

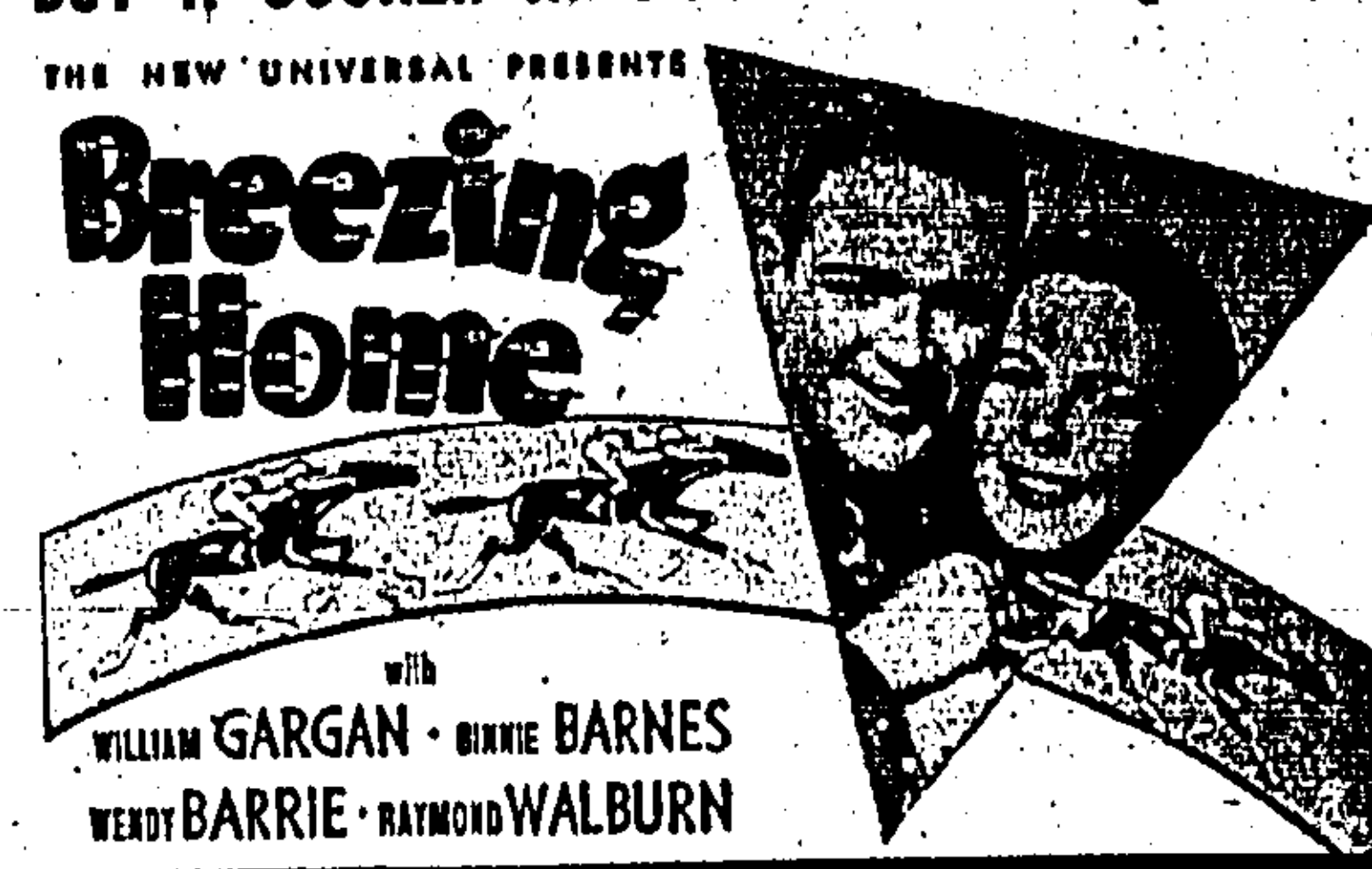
Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, toasting the builders, said the Ark Royal was the forerunner of several such ships, and was the first built solely for aircraft carrying.—Reuter Special.

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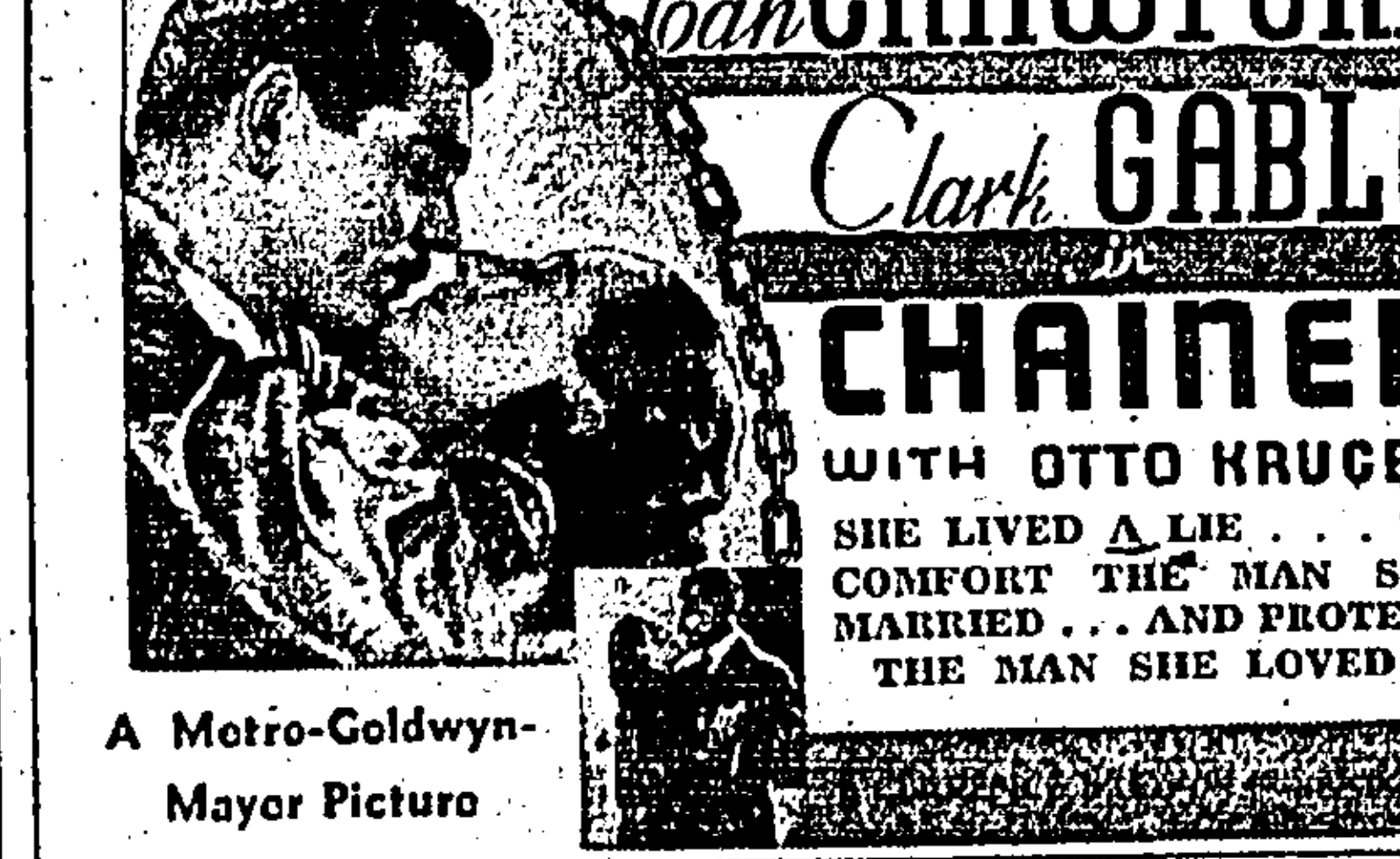
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